Coast Guard News

The commander of the First Coast Guard District recognizes rescue crews from ASCC

On Wednesday, April 14, First Coast Guard District recognized rescue crews from Air Station Cape Cod at the air station for their assistance in numerous search and rescue cases that have occurred throughout New England over the past three years.

Rear Adm. Joseph Nimmich will present a meritorious unit commendation award to air station personnel, recognizing their efforts in 545 search and rescue cases where air crews conducted 643 airborne searches, helping 182 people and saving 87 lives.

Air Station Cape Cod crews responded to a variety of cases over the past few years including: aerial searches, medevacs, airlifts of patients in need of medical treatment, and several cases hundreds of miles offshore to help saving and fishing crews in distress.

Air Station Cape Cod welcomes Canadian Forces (CANFOR) Exchange Pilot Captain Antonio "Tony" Luberto

Canadian Forces Captain Tony Luberto arrived last summer from Trenton, Ontario where he served in the Canadian Forces as a Search Mission Coordinator. While assigned to Trenton, he performed the duties of Search Mission Coordinator and Deputy Officer In Charge of the Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) Trenton. The JRCC is responsible for an area of operations in excess of 7 million square kilometers, extending from the Alberta-British Columbia border east to Quebec City and from the United States-Canada border north to the North Pole.

Prior to working at the JRCC Trenton, CAPT Luberto served as a Search and Rescue (SAR) pilot in the 424 Transport and Rescue Squadron in Trenton and the in the 413 Transport and Rescue Squadron in Greenwood Nova Scotia. During these assignments, he was qualified in both the EH-101 Cormorant and the CH-113 Labrador helicopters. During his tenure CAPT Luberto received of the Chief of Defense Commendation Medal and American Society Award for the Rescue of four survivors from a sailboat in distress under treacherous conditions.

Captain Luberto is originally from Toronto, Ontario and attended Seneca College under the Canadian Forces Direct Officer Entry Program. After graduation, CAPT Luberto completed Basic Officer Training in Chilliwack British Columbia and then attended flight school, flying the C-114 Tutor. Following flight school, CAPT Luberto was selected for Rotary Wing training in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba where he flew the Bell 106 Jet Ranger and eventually became a qualified SAR pilot.

The pilot exchange program is a professional exchange program between the United States Coast Guard and the Canadian Forces. While participating in the exchange, CAPT Luberto will serve three years as an operational pilot in the Coast Guard, executing their 11 statutory missions to include Search and Rescue. During this same period, a Coast Guard Pilot will serve in the Canadian Forces in Comox British Columbia.

CAPT Luberto is now a qualified MH-60 Jayhawk pilot and serves in the Current Operations Division at Air Station Cape Cod. Welcome to Cape Cod!

Captain David Throop

On April 22, 2010 Rear Admiral Dan Abel relieved Rear Admiral Joseph Nimmich, commander First Coast Guard District, as commanding officer of Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod during a change of command ceremony at hangar 3172 at Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod.

CAPT Luberto is reporting aboard having just served as the chief of officer personnel, Coast Guard Personnel Service Center in Arlington, Va., where he was responsible for all selection boards, promotions, assignments, career management evaluations, separations, and retirements for the Coast Guard officer and warrant officer corps.

Rear Admiral Abel assumed command of Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod on June 27, 2007. His command provided all aviation support to the Coast Guard First District, an area of responsibility that extends across eight Northeastern states and along 2,000 miles of coastline from the U.S.-Canadian border to northern New Jersey.

The Change of Command is a time-honored tradition that ensures the continuity of command. It is a formal ceremony conducted before the entire crew. The ceremony marks the transfer of total responsibility, authority, and accountability for the air station and the accomplishment of its assigned mission. It is conducted according to a formally prescribed ritual, to honor and maintain traditions of the service.

Massachusetts National Guard provides storm relief assistance to communities

Massachusetts National Guard activated more than 1,000 Army and Air National Guardsmen in late March early April 2010, to assist civilian agencies with filling and distributing 33,000 sand bags, performing presence patrols in isolated areas, assisting with emergency evacuations and manning traffic control points during a powerful rainstorm that began March 28 and swept over the region, leading to flooding throughout New England.

The Guardsmen were called to State Active Duty in support of Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick’s declaration of a state of emergency in the Bay State. Guardsmen worked around the clock through the rainstorm, supporting various aspects of the mission, dubbed “Operation Rising Water,” providing assistance throughout the hardest hit areas. In total, 54 missions were completed in 23 communities.

Massachusetts Air National Guardsmen fill thousands of sandbags to be used in impacted areas threatened by rising water on March 31, 2010. Massachusetts Air National Guard personnel were activated by the Governor to assist with water damage across the state due to the excessively rainy weather.

"The state of emergency is still in effect for Massachusetts and our mission remains the same. Our troops are driving forward with ongoing operations and will continue to do so until our assistance is no longer required," said General Carter.

The missions the National Guard supported were requested by local civilian authorities and coordinated through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). MEMA, in turn, sent the requests for military assistance to the National Guard who dispatched units to the requesting communities to render assistance. The Massachusetts National Guard remains trained, equipped and ready to assist local and state emergency responders throughout the Commonwealth to protect the safety of the Massachusetts people now and in the future.

Massachusetts Air National Guardsmen deliver sand bags at a residence in Blackstone, Mass., that was impacted by rising water on March 30, 2010.
The 6th Space Warning Squadron (6 SWS) will be celebrating 30 years of operations on May 15, 2010. The history of Cape Cod Air Force Station traces its beginnings back to August of 1973 when the United States Air Force directed that two phased array radars be constructed (Pave PAWS), one on the East Coast and the other on the West Coast. Their primary mission would be to detect Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles. In May of 1975 the East Coast location of Otis Air Force Base was chosen and the West Coast radar would be located on Beale Air Force Base, California. Construction began in December of 1976 and Initial Operations Capability was declared on 4 April, 1980.

For the past 30 years, the men and women of Cape Cod Air Force Station have upheld a tradition of excellence and maintained unwavering vigilance in guarding over the East Coast of the United States. Space operators at 6 SWS, past and present, have trained rigorously to meet the standard of reporting the viability of a missile launch to NORAD (located in Cheyenne Mountain) within 60 seconds of detection. Along with our role of missile warning, we also use the radar to conduct space surveillance. The Pave PAWS radar provides the capability to track a piece of debris roughly the size of a softball 3,000 nautical miles away. From our vantage point on top of Flatrock Hill in the northern-most corner of the MMR, we can track objects north of Greenland, east out to Great Britain, and south over the Canadian governments of impending danger.

The past 30 years have seen numerous construction projects to include a SATCOM facility, a Civil Engineering Building, the Combined Air Operations Center, a Logistics Support Building, an Operations Support Building, an IT Center, a Training Building, and most recently an Airmen Support Facility. In addition, the 6 SWS has maintained unwavering vigilance in guarding over the Coast of the United States. Space operators at 6 SWS for the past 2 years of its proud 30-year history. There have been upgrades to the radar to include replacing the computer systems with a commercial-off-the-shelf Hewlett-Packard RAID system—greatly increasing the speed and memory capacity of the system.

For the past 30 years, the men and women of 6 SWS Commander’s Column

Lt Col Max Lantz, Commander, 6th Space Warning Squadron

CCAF’s—Celebrating 30 years of operations

Kaehter Korner

Mvy is Lyme disease awareness month

The weather is finally better and we’ve begun getting out into the yard and onto the trails but remember that you are under attack! Over one-third of all blacklegged (Deer) ticks on the Cape and Islands are infected with the bacterium that causes Lyme Disease.

Our environment places us at a substantial risk of exposure but with a few precautionary steps, you can prevent this bacteria from infecting your family can avoid becoming infected. Take preventive measures including wearing long sleeved shirts, pants, and applying insect repellants containing “DEET” to tick-infested areas. You may also purchase products containing permethrin that are applied to clothing and will kill ticks on contact.

When returning home it is important to perform a tick check. If found, remove ticks with tweezers by grasping near the tick’s head and pulling firmly. Do not use Vaseline, nail polish, or other products and make sure to wash the exposed area with soap and water. IMPORTANT NOTE—If removed within 36 hours, infection is unlikely to occur. Deer ticks carry the bacteria that cause Lyme disease NOT the much larger and common dog ticks. Because other diseases can come from other types of ticks it is a good idea to note when a tick was removed to aid your doctor in making a diagnosis. Also, you cannot infect another person if you are infected.

The signs of Lyme Disease infection usually occur within days to weeks after exposure and most (80%) of patients develop a red, slowly expanding “bulls-eye” rash. Other symptoms include general tiredness, fever, headaches, stiff neck, muscle aches, and joint pain. These symptoms may progress to more serious complications if left untreated.

If infection is suspected, your doctor will prescribe a course of antibiotics. The Clinic cannot perform tick tests so please don’t save them. Additional resources can be found at www.cdc.gov. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your medical provider or the pharmacy at 508-968-6702.

Black-legged ticks in various stages of engorgement

The US Sports Institute is offering a week of sports day camp for base on ages 3-14 July 27th - 31st

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Registration Deadline is April 17th

There is a free sports camp preview July 8th 6-7:30 pm at Curtis Field - Advanced Registration is required

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Air Station Cape Cod presented commendation by D1 Admiral Joseph Nimmich

Air Station Cape Cod hosted the First District’s Admiral Nimmich Wednesday, April 28th. The Admiral addressed the crews and presented a Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Air Station for its efforts from the last three years.

Air Station Cape Cod crews flew 643 sorties when dispatched on 545 Search and Rescue cases, ultimately saving 87 lives and assisting another 102. Cases ranged from shoreline searches, medevacs off the local islands, to cases several hundred miles off shore. Cape Cod crews were the first on scene when the 933’ LNG T/S Catalunya Spirit went “cold iron” and drifted powerless off the Cape, perilously close to fertile/sensitive Georges Bank fishing grounds. In this multi-day event, ASCF dovetailed with Fifth District and local surface assets to ferry necessary technical assistance to the drifting vessel and kept Command Center decision makers fed with video and positioning updates until the massive threat was resolved.

Posed for Hurricane Noel’s march up the U.S. coast, their H60s forward staged to Long Island were dispatched immediately in response the allusion of the 820’ M/V Axle Spirit with Ambrose Light Structure, yielding doubtful navigation aids to busy New York entrances and posing a potential environmental disaster at mouth of the harbor.

102nd earns sixth outstanding unit award

By Tsg. Stg. Andrew Reitano

102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

Courtesy of the Seagull

The 102nd Intelligence Wing has been awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for outstanding performance from Dec. 1, 2007 through Oct. 31, 2009.

“This award is not given out to just any unit,” said Col. Anthony Schiavi, 102nd Intelligence Wing commander. “I am proud of the work that every member of the wing does to succeed both personally and as a much larger team. It’s their accomplishments that have set the standard of excellence across the Air National Guard and the Air Force.”

The wing’s significant accomplishments during its transformation from a fighter wing to an intelligence wing, assumption of real-world Operational Battle Watch Missions a full year before the scheduled Initial Operational Capability, completion of more than $22 million of major construction projects, recruitment of 315 new acquisitions, and retraining of more than 100 personnel to intelligence career fields, were only part of the reason the 102nd captured the award.

“The dedication and commitment of the members of the 102nd Intelligence Wing enable the Air National Guard to fulfill its commitment to the missions of peacekeeping, humanitarian relief, domestic improvement, and most important of all – defense of America,” said Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, Air National Guard director.

All Airmen assigned to the 102nd during the award period are authorized to wear the associated ribbon. The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is awarded to an organization that has performed meritorious service or outstanding achievements that clearly set the unit above and apart from similar units.

Security Assistance visit Air Station Cape Cod

by LT Josh Harrington

What would you do in the event of a terrorist attack on base? What is your role when Air Station Cape Cod increases security measures? Do you think about personal security every day? Air Station Cape Cod hosted a Staff Assistance Field Support Team from Coast Guard Headquarters to help everyone answer questions like these, and to help increase the overall security of the Air Station and MMR.

Approximately eight years ago, the Coast Guard began a program to evaluate internal security, including vulnerability assessments of selected installations. The review has identified numerous areas for improvement across all security disciplines. While the Coast Guard has traditionally excelled at providing for the security and safety of others, the current threat environment underscores the need to refocus security programs that relate to the protection of our own assets: people, aircraft, facilities, and information.

The two-person team assisted the Air Station Command in meeting today’s ever increasing security responsibilities. They evaluated and improved current plans, procedures, and response activities through the use of exercises and documented improvements to current local plans and instructions.

On the final day of the visit, the Air Station was provided with a thorough out-brief that discussed the progress made during the Staff Assistance Visit. In the end, the Air Station was provided with realistic options which offer the greatest antiterrorism and force protection benefit.

The Air Station Command Security Team would like to thank all of our MMR partners who participated in the Table Top Exercise at the end of the visit. Here on the MMR, security is a joint effort and we look forward to working together with the JOG Security Council in keeping the MMR safe for everyone.

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After a long rainy winter, spring has finally arrived on Cape Cod, or so it seems and that means it is time for the Jim Tabor Memorial Softball League sponsored by USCG Air Station Cape Cod to swing into action.

This year there will be 11 teams vying for the championship and Otis bragging rights. The OTIS NOTICE Pirates the two time defending champs are back to defend their title, but they will face plenty of stiff competition on the diamonds.

The Pirates feature some of the top hitters in the league with Tim Utley, Jarad Lemieux, and Andy Lieberwith setting the table for power hitters Mike “Hoad” Hoadley, Chris Horvath, Larry Machado and Ken Kinsella. Ken (1B) and Frank Acropolis (OF) provide some of the best defense in the league.

Last year the Air Station Crush made a run in the playoffs and ended up in second place as they knocked out the powerful Barnstable County Sheriffs team, who are just absolutely loaded with big boppers. The Crush are no slouches themselves, as they have Sam Pulliam, Shane Reese, and Pam Barragan, they will be brought in by the power of SS Cliff Taylor, and homerun hitters Gary “Spurge” Spurgeon, Matt O’Neil and Rob Myers.

The Sheriffs have an all-star at just about every position, and if not for a heart breaking 30-28 loss to the Pirates in the semi-finals, they may have gone all the way last year. The Sheriffs have speedsters at the top of the order in John Cinelli and JT Taylor, and they have a boat load of guys who have legitimate power to be their clean-up hitter. I’ll start with THREE TIME defending homerun derby champ Chris Card, who just mashes the ball. The power doesn’t stop there, Chris “Colonel” Potter, Jimmy Connolly, Craig Medeiros, Robbie Geggott and Ray-Ray Marks can all hit bombs. They will be led by the pitching of Jamie Sylvia and Kevin McGuigan.

The Misfits have been a solid team over the years, they have finished as high as second in recent years but have yet to capture the top prize, they always play a scrappy game and can never be taken for granted, this year they will be coached by Chris Padlo and feature top hitters Eric Potier, Joe Russillo and big John MacGregor.

The Marine Lodge will look to build on last years’ solid season as they improved their record dramatically, finishing 11-9 led by pitcher and coach Dave Hill and hitter Jayme Baker.

Story & photos by Mike Camire

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Making a pitch for spring: SOFTBALL SEASON IS HERE!

Jarad Lemieux of the OTIS NOTICE Pirates gets ready to take a cut, Jarad is one of the top hitters in the league and is a key player for the Pirates as they hope to defend their 2009 Jim Tabor Memorial League Softball Title.
Jaime Baldueza will be participating in the ‘Run to Home Base 9K Campaign’

As an Active Duty member of the United States Coast Guard for almost 12 years, Jaime Baldueza jumped at the opportunity to help Veterans and their families. On May 23rd, Jaime will be participating in the “Run to Home Base 9K Campaign,” which is a race managed by the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program. The Home Base Program is “dedicated to improving the lives of veterans who deployed in support of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and live with deployment- or combat-related stress and/or traumatic brain injury.” Not only does this program provide care for the veterans, but it also provides support for their families.

Jaime has pledged to raise at least $1,000 for this wonderful cause and is asking you to show your support for all our vets in the form of a monetary donation to this cause. Deadline for donations is May 16th. For more information or to make a donation, go to www.runtohomebase.org/runtobase/JamieBaldueza.

The Otis 4H Adventure Club Cloverbuds recently participated in an activity learning about bones and the importance of calcium. Katelynn White poses with her skeleton self-portrait. The Cloverbuds show off their milk mustaches!

To ALL VETERANS WE SAY “THANK YOU”

First Citizens’ is showing our appreciation with The Hero Account and Home for the Brave. Home for the Brave is a new mortgage program designed to help U.S. Armed Service Veterans purchase a home. Our goal is to make the dream of homeownership a reality for those who have dedicated themselves to protecting the freedoms we all enjoy.

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Jaime Baldueza trains for “Run to Home Base 9K Campaign”

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Story by 2nd Lt. Chad Pomental
102nd Intelligence Wing Hometown Heroes Salute program coordinator
Courtesy of the Seagull

As our Airmen demobilize and return to their families and communities, it is critical to their continued involvement in the Air National Guard that they, as well as their families and employers, have a sense of how much they are valued by their nation, community, and the Air National Guard.

In August 2008, Gen. Craig R. McKinley, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, sanctioned the Air National Guard Hometown Heroes Salute recognition program. The purpose of this program is to celebrate and honor the significant contribution of Airmen, families, communities and those special supporters of the missions of the U.S. Air Force and the Air National Guard.

On June 6, 2010, the 102nd Intelligence Wing will hold its inaugural Hometown Heroes Salute to acknowledge hundreds of the past and present Airmen of the 102nd Intelligence Wing and their families. This ceremony will recognize all active and retired Airmen who have deployed away from their home station in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle and/or other peacekeeping operations across the globe between Sept. 11, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2008.

The Air National Guard Hometown Heroes Salute program is a tremendous opportunity for members of the 102nd to receive some well-deserved appreciation for answering the call to duty. As I’m sure you can imagine, the list of people from the 102nd who deserve to be recognized is extensive – more than 400 servicemembers are eligible for this year’s ceremony.

Airmen who are identified will receive a framed Hometown Heroes Salute Coin with a Letter of Appreciation signed by both the Air National Guard’s director, and command chief master sergeant. Airmen will also receive a Hometown Heroes Salute pen and pencil set; dog tags for their children and a Center of Influence Medalion which will support them or their family during their deployment.

The event is scheduled to take place June 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., on the hangar floor building 158 Family and friends are welcome and highly encouraged to attend.

102nd Promotions

Colonel
Richard Sweeten
Kelsey Ivers

Staff Sergeant
Luke Bennett

Chief Master Sergeant
Monica Lindell

Technical Sergeant
Kathleen Burger

Softball
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The Masons have some solid sticks in Joe LeBlanc, Greg Seychew, Dennis Ouellette and Joe Morency. Paw PAWS will be represented by coaches Jon Stepp, Ryan Adkins, Yvonne Lyes and Alvin Brown. They also hope to be able to put up runs, if they can improve their defense the Air Force team should move up in the standings, as they have some top hitters in Kevin Smith, Brendan Greenaway and Brett Hoagland.

The Average Joe’s will be led by Chris Turke and Monica Stinson, they make sure they have fun out there and come up with some surprises, as they showed last year with an upset over the Pirates.

Team Patriot (Army) will be led by the big bat of Brendan Bowen and assistant coach Brian Everett. One team that should NOT be overlooked is the Eagles Nest (102nd), like the Sheriffs, there is lineup is loaded with sluggers; they wilted down in the stretch in last year’s playoffs because most of their top hitters were either injured or unfortunately deployed. When they have their “A” team out there, they can slug it out with anybody, led by coach Mikey Gath, Joe Pitta, A.P. Penny, Dave Degnain and Brian Burger.

There are two new teams in this league this year, the “Strikeouts” will be led by coaches Nick Morgan and Tony Carrillo; the KO’s have some big hitters in Jamie Bigbie, Shawn Goletski and Josh Govem. They should be able to slug their way to some wins in 2010. Coach Nick offered this blurb for bulletin board material: “Sector’s finest have banded together to create the unstoppable force that is the Strikeouts, led by pitcher ‘Tic-Tac” Tony Carrillo and SS Nick “The Janitor” Morgan, the KO’s eat thumbtacks and can dead lift entire city blocks.” Now that is throwing a gnawing, good thing Nick has a great sense of humor!

Last but not least, a local team from Falmouth is joining the base league this year, “Got The Runs” with their military camouflage-style shirts will be led by coaches Jim Redmond and Jon Ewing. GTR is a talented team that will also make sure they will have a blast while they are out there; I think they will be one of our top teams based on their play in the Falmouth League in past years. They have some solid hitters in Tim’Oakey” O’Connell, Brett Dubner, Dewey Evans and Caleb Anderson. Paul Simontone is their main pitching on the hill.

The season opens with a preseason tourney starting on May 4th with single elimination scrimmage games, just to get the teams warmed up for the real action, which starts in late May.

All in all it should be a great season as 11 teams will battle it out for the Jim Tabor Trophy, each team will play 20 games followed by a double elimination playoff in early August. The regular season starts on May 24th, SEE YA ALL ON THE DIAMONDS! Have a great season.
Notes of Interest

New Spouses Club on the MMWR!
As the new Spouses club The Massachusetts Reservation Military Chicks and Spouses Club have big plans. One of the first and foremost items that need to be done is to become a legit non profit over the course of the next several months you will see fundraisers around the base to raise the necessary legal fees. The Military Chicks need to raise $2,000 to cover the cost of the legal fees (which also includes the cost of filing the paperwork with both the State and Federal government) and to pay the taxes for the first year. The first fundraiser to be held will be the Community Yard Sale on May 15th. We are charging $10 per a table and it will be held in the Exchange parking lot.

Along with the Fundraisers you will see the beginning of committees and clubs within the club. One of the Members has already expressed interest in starting a Gardening Club. for those like me who don’t have the greenest of thumbs. So look for more information on those clubs. The Military Chicks are open to all Active Duty and Retired members and their Spouses for all branches of service. We are not limited to any one branch of service but hope to have members from Branches of Service located here on the MMWR and the outlying stations here on the Cape.

The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter will organize a Pet (Cat and Dog) First Aid class on June 23rd, 2010. The class starts at 1:00 pm and ends at 4:00 pm and will be held at the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter location at 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601. Cost for the class is $45. To register for the class, for other information about training, volunteering or preparedness, go to our website www.ctredcross.org or by calling (508) 775-1540.

Many people all over the Cape and Islands own pets, but do they know how to take care of a pet emergency? The American Red Cross wants to create awareness of pet emergencies and prepare owners of dogs and cats for any emergency. The course provides valuable information on how to keep your pet safe and how to act with confidence during an emergency. After the course you will feel prepared and confident to go your pet’s rescue in case of any emergency.

This course covers knowledge and skills necessary to recognize and provide basic care to pets for injuries and sudden illnesses. A wide range of topics are discussed, including preventative measures to help you and your pets live healthy and happy lives together. Each participant receives a dog or cat First Aid text book written by the American Red Cross and the Humane Society of the United States and a certification. Our pets love and care for us. It is important that we learn how to care for them and keep them safe and healthy.

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