

## To all CAP PAOs:

Welcome to another PAO Update, an abbreviated version sent to you in advance of this week's scheduled space shuttle flight, which has a Civil Air Patrol connection:

**CAP Member To Pilot Shuttle** – CAP Sr. Mbr. and Air Force Col. Eric A. Boe takes the controls of the Space Shuttle Endeavour when it is scheduled to lift off at 7:55 p.m. ET Friday from Cape Canaveral, Fla. A Georgia Wing Spaatz cadet who first soloed as a cadet, Boe's flight highlights a sterling career that has included fighter and test pilot experience in the Air Force. Go to [http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/news/eric\\_boe/index.cfm](http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/news/eric_boe/index.cfm) for more information on Boe and the shuttle launch.

Boe is part of a national public awareness campaign designed to communicate and promote the value and significance of Civil Air Patrol membership. Boe's CAP connection is already drawing national attention. Notice on the [gocivilairpatrol.com](http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com) link there a link to a story published Friday in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, which boasts a total print and online audience of 2.3 million people each week.

More details on the national public awareness initiative will come later. In the meantime, NHQ/PA encourages all PAOs to post the national release on Boe's shuttle mission on their squadron, wing and region Web sites and to publish it in their newsletters/magazines. It can be accessed at [http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/news/media\\_center/press\\_releases/index.cfm/civil\\_air\\_patrol\\_member\\_to\\_pilot\\_space\\_shuttle\\_endeavour\\_4809](http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/news/media_center/press_releases/index.cfm/civil_air_patrol_member_to_pilot_space_shuttle_endeavour_4809)

A full report on the shuttle mission and a feature on Eric Boe will be included in the March-April issue of the *Civil Air Patrol Volunteer*.

**New CAP Web Site Online** – Speaking of the new "internal" CAP Web site for members <http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com>, remember that the site is currently being refined and [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov) will remain online for at least 60 days during this refinement period. The new site was designed to mimic CAP's "external" Web site for recruiting, but with speed and easy navigation at the forefront. Check it out – and don't hesitate to let us know what you think. Just hit the "contact" button at the top of the site's page or e-mail [hdunigan@capnhq.gov](mailto:hdunigan@capnhq.gov) or [jtynan@capnhq.gov](mailto:jtynan@capnhq.gov) to chat.

**Veterans Day 2008 Message** – Visitors to the homepage of the old CAP Web site, <http://www.cap.gov/>, will find a Veterans Day message from CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Amy Courter as well as a column written by Capt. Richard Sprouse, the Group 2 PAO of the Minnesota Wing. Sprouse sent us the column last week, shortly after "The Moving Wall," the half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C., made its way to the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Camp Ridley, Minn. The column is a personal account of his connection to the Vietnam War. It is both informative and inspiring. He also included some excellent photos of the traveling exhibit. Visit <http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com>, click on the "News" tab at the top left corner of the homepage and then the CAP News Online logo at right, or go directly to [http://cap.gov/visitors/news/cap\\_news\\_online/](http://cap.gov/visitors/news/cap_news_online/) to read the column. Thanks, Capt. Sprouse, for sharing the column and photos with us in such a timely manner so we could share them with other CAP members nationwide.

**Photo Reminder** – This reminder comes from CAP News Online Dan Bailey, who asks that PAOs remember to send photos with their news releases – even if it is just mug shots of members included in the news release. Send your photos and news releases to [capnews@capnhq.gov](mailto:capnews@capnhq.gov). Bailey requests that photos be sent as jpeg attachments, not embedded in the copy. This ensures that they go online in a timelier manner. Also, remember to include complete caption information as well as the name and rank of the photographer.

**Commander Commendations** – This news comes from a recent PAO event at the Oregon Wing Conference. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Scott Maguire and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Christopher Johnson were presented with Commander Commendations by the outgoing Oregon Wing Commander Col. Ted Kyle. Both recently completed their requirements as MIOs in Oregon and both have been appointed as deputy wing PAOs under the direction of Oregon Wing PAO Lt. Col. Thomas Traver. In addition, Maguire also just took over the editor's slot with the Oregon *Wing Span* publication. Congratulations to Lts. Maguire and Johnson.

Please keep NHQ/PA posted about new PAOs, whether they are at the region, wing or squadron level. This helps keep the national PAO roster up-to-date. Also, please let us know if your contact information, address, etc. has changes.

That's all, for now. Contact me or CAP PA's deputy director, Julie DeBardelaben, at [jdebardelaben@capnhq.gov](mailto:jdebardelaben@capnhq.gov) or 877-227-9142, ext. 250, if you have questions or comments about this update.

As always, thank you for your service to the Civil Air Patrol and CAP Public Affairs!

Regards.

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