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Student photos by Jose Ruiz, Art Institute of Washington



Northern Utah Chapter's retired Maj. Kit Workman (left) coached CyberPatriot VI's All-Service Division winners from Clearfield High School. Here, an unposed photo catches him chatting with John Maxfield and Nate Bertoldie.



Even with Colin Powell and CyberPatriot Commissioner Bernie Skoch (far left) looking over his shoulder, Bertoldie stays focused.

How to Find a Good Photographer

Several Air Force Association members converged on National Harbor, Md., to coach their CyberPatriot VI teams in the National Finals Competition in March. This presented an opportunity to test a theory:

Unposed, well-lighted, in-focus photos give chapter news a way to stand out from the pack, so can we find a volunteer to take candid photographs—specifically a photographer who could avoid the cliché “grip ‘n grin” and static shots, where people freeze in place and smile for the camera?

Short answer: Yes.

We looked only three blocks away from AFA headquarters in Arlington, Va., to the Art Institute of Washington. Its Career Services section and a faculty member in photographic imagery found two student volunteers—Jose Ruiz and Jabari Bellamy—willing to take photos in return for having their work published.

Ruiz covered the final afternoon of competition at CP-VI. His images, on this page, show an ability to capture unposed moments; to use a flash for indoor lighting; and to position himself to reduce background clutter.

A week later, Bellamy headed to George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., for an inaugural science fair for elementary and middle school students. GMU and Pinnacle Academy in Oakton, Va., organized the event.

William P. Rushing III, the Civil Air Patrol VP for the **Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter** in Virginia, helped two CAP members judge special-category aerospace-related projects. Rushing awarded AFA memberships as part of

AJ Baker (standing) leads his CyberPatriot teammates Mitchell Bruce and Michaela Ditterline. Harry S. Truman Chapter's John Deese coached this team from Lee's Summit North High School, Mo.



Coach Sandi Boyd of the Alamo Chapter (Tex.), talks to her Alamo Academies team before the CP-VI digital forensics challenge.



Steele Chapter's Bill Rushing asks Ally Edwards from Nysmith School for the Gifted, in Herndon, Va., about her project. The students shown on this page won AFA memberships for their aerospace-related entries in the science fair.

the prize given to three students. Notice that Bellamy's photos depict them in action—before the grip 'n grin awards ceremony.

Here's how to round up similar photos:

- Phone a school offering a major in photography. Explain that you need a volunteer who wants to build his or her résumé of published photos.
- Ask for experience in indoor photography and an ability to take unposed candids like these.
- Guide the photographer. Show these example photos. Ask the student to avoid posed or group photos, to think ahead about lighting, and to avoid distracting backgrounds. Escort the photographer at the event, to point out what to photograph.
- Give the student a photo credit line.



Above: Rushing listens to Ron Nachum, also from Nysmith. At right: Science fair judge CAP 1st Lt. Vinh Lu (center) prepares CAP award plaques while deciding with Rushing and CAP Cadet Lt. Col. Shivani Patel (right) on the CAP-AFA winners. Bottom photo: Second-grader Tyler Francis from Edlin School in Reston, Va., runs to the stage to pick up his award.



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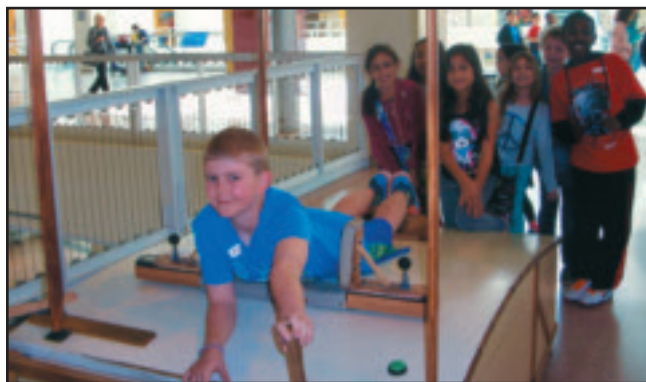
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Student Evan Meola “lands an F-35 on a carrier,” coached by Bob Keighery of Lockheed Martin’s Fighter Demonstration Center. A Sal Capriglione Chapter member arranged this orientation.



Fourth-grader Ryan Farr tries the controls for a Wright Flyer “simulator” at the California Science Center. An AFA-CAP Aerospace Educator Grant funded this field trip.



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Fly Me: 2014

“For several years,” wrote **Sal Capriglione Chapter’s** Susan Loricchio from New Jersey, “I have been taking groups (between 10 to 15 pilots and student pilots) to the Lockheed Martin Demonstrator Center in Arlington, Va., for a briefing and one-on-one sessions with instructors on the F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II fifth generation stealth fighter.”

It’s an opportunity to create “ambassadors” for the aircraft in New Jersey’s communities and to introduce young adults to AFA, she explained in her email.

Lockheed Martin’s Fighter Demonstration Center is a private facility equipped with cockpit demonstrators and multiple touch-screen displays where visitors learn about the capabilities and unique qualities of the two aircraft.

In February, Loricchio escorted a group of Bergen Community College aviation students from Paramus, N.J., to the center.

The college has just established an aviation program for associate degrees in aircraft operations and aviation administration, and Loricchio coordinates aviation events for the students. The trip to the demonstration center was their first event.

Much more could come of it. Loricchio, who is both the chapter’s and AFA New Jersey’s government relations VP, has begun discussions with the college about starting an AFA chapter at the school.

Fly Me: 1902

Montgomery Chapter’s Susan Mallett in Alabama reports that an AFA-Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Educator Grant funded a field trip for California school kids to the largest hands-on science center on the West Coast.

Using the \$250 grant, teacher Kelly Smith took her class of 29 students from Etiwanda Colony Elementary School on



Second Lt. Brian Goodman, the Otis Chapter president, presents an AFA Civil Air Patrol Outstanding Squadron Cadet of the Year Award to Nathan Amaral.

a 50-mile excursion to the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

There, the fourth-graders looked at the center's full-size 1902 Wright Flyer replica hanging from the ceiling. Then they lay prone, just as the Wright brothers did, to try the hip cradle and other controls on a Wright Flyer mockup. They donned wings and stood in a wind tunnel to get a feel for lift. They stood next to the space shuttle *Endeavour*, awed that it had been to space 25 times, Smith wrote in her report to Mallett.

But what really caught their attention?

"They loved looking at the toilet the astronauts used," said Smith. *Endeavour's* space potty is on separate display at the center to answer the perennial question: How do you go to the bathroom in space?

Mallett, who is the CAP-AFA partnership liaison, commented, "It appears that the students had a grand time while learning."

Sign Me Up!

In Massachusetts, the **Otis Chapter** president learned that he would be presenting an award at a local Civil Air Patrol dining-in, with BDUs as uniform of the day.

"Combat dining-in?" exclaimed 2nd Lt. Brian A. Goodman in his email reply to the CAP Pilgrim Composite Squadron. "Sign me up!"

For the February gathering at Plymouth Airport, he offered to do more than "just handing off some hardware," as he put it. Goodman explained to the Pilgrim squadron's leader, "Despite the butter bars, I've got 14.5 years in and was a prior [master sergeant], so I can tell old war stories for days."

Goodman has invited the CAP cadets to tour the 6th Space Squadron at Cape Cod Air Force Station, where he is the 6th Space Warning Squadron's Alpha Crew commander. The radar facility guards the East Coast against ballistic missile attack.

Hometown Hero

In Pennsylvania, the **Lt. Col. B. D. "Buzz" Wagner Chapter's** latest project to honor its namesake—a World War II ace—got a boost when a TV station filmed a news segment about it.

WTAJ, a CBS affiliate in the Altoona area, features "Hometown Heroes" every Thursday evening and tapped Chapter President William B. Burns and Secretary Robert Rutledge for a piece in March. The chapter leaders spoke about Wagner's ties to the area and about fund-raising for a full-size P-40 replica to display at the Cambria County Airport. The warbird would honor Wagner.

A native of Emeigh, Pa., he became the first US ace of World War II on Dec. 16, 1941, in the Philippines. He was later reassigned to train fighter pilots Stateside when he died in 1942 in a P-40 crash on a routine flight from Florida to Alabama. Wagner was buried in Johnstown, Pa.

The Wagner Chapter works at keeping his name alive. In 2010, it arranged military honors for the interment of additional remains of Wagner, discovered in 2009. (See "Ceremony for an Ace," <http://bit.ly/1nCO7KO>). Last year, the chapter persuaded local officials to designate a road as the Lieutenant Colonel B. D. "Buzz" Wagner Memorial Highway. (See "How to Spotlight an Ace," <http://bit.ly/1iDiOiC>).

For the TV segment, Burns said the reporter told him her questions ahead of time, and he prepared a cheat sheet of answers. They filmed at the airport at

10 a.m. and a short version of the report appeared at 5 p.m. that day. WTAJ ran a longer version an hour later.

Rutledge posted the footage on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/1r8VgEX>.

Chapter Treasurer James Kirkstadt, who along with other chapter members has been working on finding a P-40 replica for this project, took a phone call from a viewer who offered the chapter a nine-foot model of a P-40. Burns said this has possibilities for yet another chapter project, a permanent Wagner display at Johnstown's Heritage Discovery Center. ■

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351st BG (WWII), June 12-15, Radisson Hotel, Branson, MO. **Contact:** Deborah Eason (478-453-7388) (dbme@windstream.net).

384th BG, Oct. 16-18, Holiday Inn Dayton Fairborn in Fairborn, OH. **Contact:** Frank Alfter, 1306 Adams Way, Beaver Creek, OH 45434 (937-306-2142) (fjalfter@gmail.com).

445th FIS, Wurtsmith AFB, MI. Oct. 28-31 in San Antonio. **Contact:** Larry Flinn (210-695-1944) (lawrencflinn@me.com).

525th FIS, Bitburg, Germany. Oct. 10-13, Branson, MO. **Contact:** Frank Litt, PO Box 33435, Fort Worth, TX 76162 (817-294-1136) (525bulldogs@sbcglobal.net).

3632nd PTS & 88th FTS, Sheppard AFB, TX (1971-75). Sept. 26-28, Wichita Falls, TX. **Contact:** Gary Dehnel (703-331-3519) (gcdehnel@verizon.net).

AC-119 Gunships, 17th, 18th, & 71st SOS. Sept. 17-21, Albuquerque, NM. **Contact:** Steve Mac Isaac (302-249-1499) (colmacmac.mac.com).

Air Rescue Assn. Oct. 26-30 in Charleston, SC. **Contact:** Al Gailey, 1591 Pine Lakes Ranch Dr., Cascade, ID 83611 (208-382-6395) (cagailey@yahoo.com).

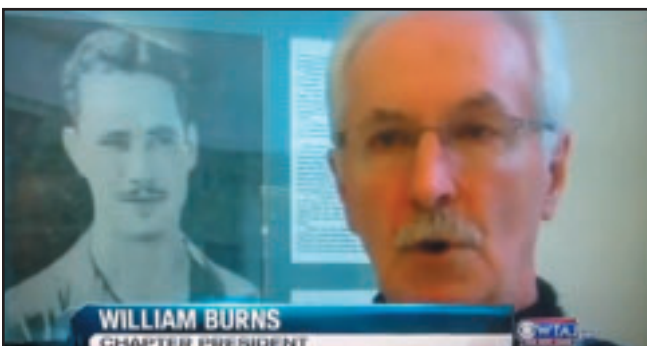
Laredo AFB officers. Oct. 14-17 in San Antonio. **Contact:** Ron Hunt (937-426-0867) (ron.hunt.oh@gmail.com).

Pershing Rifles Sq N-12 alumni. June 27-29, Lowell, MA. **Contact:** Pete Maravelias (pm@mtesi.com).

Assn of Former OSI Special Agents. Sept. 3-7, Nashville, TN. **Contact:** Dick Law (afosisa@aol.com).

Nuclear Weapons Technicians Assn, Sept. 18-20, Hilton Inn Knoxville, Knoxville/Oak Ridge, TN. **Contact:** Robert Welz (502-645-3181) (rwelz@aye.net).

Pleiku AB Assn. Sept. 3-7 in Charleston, SC. **Contact:** Harry Beam (724-745-9129) (hbeam065@yahoo.com). ■



In this screen grab from WTAJ TV's "Hometown Heroes" news segment, Bill Burns (right) of the Lt. Col. B. D. "Buzz" Wagner Chapter explains Wagner's significance. He was the first AAF ace of World War II. Wagner is shown in the background photo.

Courtesy of WTAJ TV