

*Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302
Celebrating 50 years of service in 2007*



Full Throttle

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50 years of service to Arizona and America — 1957-2007

1 Lt. Paula Ramage, Squadron Commander

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50th anniversary tickets on sale

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Gala event to acknowledge history, honor contributions of hundreds

Tickets are available for one of Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302's milestone historic events — the gala celebration marking the squadron's 50th anniversary of service.

The celebration, open to adult members of the squadron and the Arizona Wing of the Civil Air Patrol as well as cadet parents and other dignitaries, is scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 4, at Phoenix Elks Lodge No. 335, located at 14422 N. 32nd St. The lodge, site of the squadron's well-received Christmas party, is situated between Thunderbird and Greenway roads, specifically just south of Acoma Drive on the west side of 32nd St.

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Symbol of a Half Century of History
— Shown above is the emblem of
Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302.

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Performing Missions For America

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Semper Vigilans (Always Vigilant)

MLO gains qualifications as CAP chaplain



2 Lt. Robert Smith

Congratulations are extended to 2 Lt. Robert Smith, moral leadership officer (MLO) for Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302, who has completed the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) chaplain requirements. Lt. Smith will continue his duties while working closely with Capt. Ken Young, squadron chaplain.

Lt. Smith became qualified as a CAP chaplain upon national verification of his education, experience, religious education, ordination and U.S. Department of Defense ecclesiastical endorsement. These qualifications are the same or similar to those of all other military chaplains.

As MLO, Lt. Smith provides instruction to cadets in how to live according to the CAP core values of integrity, volunteer service, excellence and respect.

Lt. Smith and his wife, 2 Lt. Irene Smith, joined Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 in 2003. Both are certified mission scanners, and Lt. Robert Smith has a commercial pilot's license.

He retired in 1996 after serving for 32 years as a probation officer with the San Diego County Probation Department in California, including the last 17 years as director of an institution for delinquent boys.

A native of Panama, Lt. Robert Smith, an ordained Methodist/Episcopal minister, was senior minister of Balboa Union Church in the Canal Zone. He and his wife are Sun City residents who live several months each year in Panama, where they are starting a coffee plantation.

He earned his undergraduate degree in sociology from Arizona State University and his master's degree in counseling from Chapman University in Orange County, Calif.

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Full Throttle is the monthly e-newsletter for officers, cadets and friends of Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302, Arizona Wing, Civil Air Patrol. Its mission is to bolster communication with and among officers and cadets, enhance awareness of squadron activities, and share news and information about the squadron and its personnel.

The newsletter also can be viewed on-line at <http://azwg.cap.gov/units/302>.

Story suggestions and submissions can be forwarded by the 15th of the month preceding publication to **2 Lt. Jerry Porter**, squadron public-affairs officer, at civilairpatrolsq302pao@cox.net.

To guarantee receipt of the newsletter, readers should ensure their e-mail addresses and other contact information remain current with the squadron and on e-services at www.capnhg.gov.



Back in Panama — 2 Lts. Robert and Irene Smith are shown visiting the church he pastored in Panama. (Photo by Capt. Ken Young)

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Walter R. Dyer
National Commander
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Original Charter — *Shown above is the Civil Air Patrol charter that established Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 on May 20, 1957.*

... Anniversary is ‘a monumental milestone’

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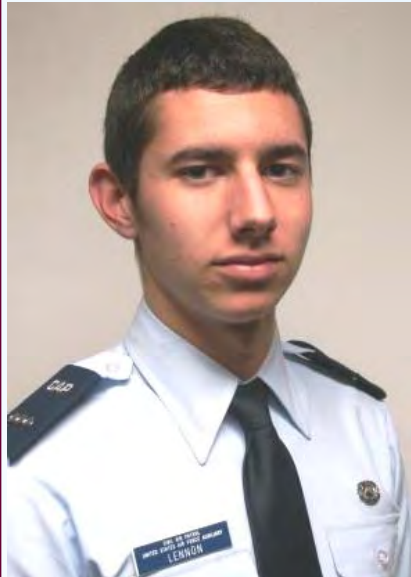
Activities get under way at 6 p.m. with a cash bar followed at 7 p.m. by dinner. Remembrances of the squadron’s 50 years of service will be shared along with comments by special guests and the presentation of door prizes.

“Fifty years! What a monumental milestone and achievement!” states **1 Lt. Paula Ramage**, squadron commander. “This gala celebration is a tribute to the cumulative volunteer spirit of literally hundreds of squadron members — both cadets and adults — who have served our community, state and nation during the past five decades. We strongly encourage your attendance at this event as we not only enjoy a wonderful celebration but also acknowledge our collective history and remember and honor the contributions of those who have preceded us.”

Tickets are priced at \$23 per person and include a multi-entrée buffet dinner with vegetables, dinner roll, dessert, and iced tea or water. Because of contractual arrangements with the caterer, tickets must be purchased no later than Monday, April 30. Tickets can be purchased at squadron cadet and adult meetings from Lt. Ramage. Questions can be directed to her at kcramage@cox.net.

Getting to know

Cadet deputy commander discovers CAP 'created a passion for leadership'



C/Capt. Justin Lennon

With the transition in January to a new cadet commander, C/Capt. Justin Lennon assumed responsibilities as cadet deputy commander for Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302. Following are questions and answers to help cadets and adult officers to become better acquainted with this cadet leader.

Q: How long have you been in CAP?

- **C/Capt. Lennon:** Three years.

Q: When did you become cadet deputy commander and what are your responsibilities in this role?

- **C/Capt. Lennon:** I became the cadet deputy commander at the change of command in January. Previously, I was the executive officer. As the deputy commander I am responsible for the direct supervision of the flights. The flight commanders report to me, and I report to the cadet commander.

Q: How has CAP helped you in your everyday life?

- **C/Capt. Lennon:** CAP is the greatest program in which I ever have been involved. The most rewarding thing I have taken away is my leadership experience. With Cadet Officer School, encampments and ground team, I have learned so much about myself and developed my leadership abilities that I then can relate to my everyday life in every aspect from sports to academics.

Q: What advice do you give to newer cadets?

- **C/Capt. Lennon:** Stick with it. When you start your cadet career, you won't be doing much besides attending squadron meetings and the occasional weekend activity. As your time in CAP grows, so do the opportunities. Take advantage of CAP; there are so many opportunities for the cadets to experience, so stick with it and you eventually will reap the rewards.

Q: What is your career ambition and what one thing from CAP will help you to achieve it?

- **C/Capt. Lennon:** CAP has created a passion for leadership for me. In my spare time, I read books written by distinguished professors regarding leadership. I thoroughly enjoy working with other people, and that is just a part of why I have the ambition to pursue business as a career. I have been accepted at the University of Arizona and Purdue University in the business programs. I am waiting to hear from the University of Michigan and the U.S. Air Force Academy to make my final decision of where I want to go.

Q: In addition to your current post, in what other CAP activities are you active?

- **C/Capt. Lennon:** I was a member of the 2006 National Champion Drill Team. I currently am the Arizona Wing Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) chairman and, in that role, advise the wing commander and the director of cadet programs in aspects relating to wing cadets. I also

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Squadron personnel gain grade advances

Congratulations to these Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 personnel who have received promotions to the following grades:



To Cadet Chief Master Sergeant: **Caleb Eaves**



To Cadet Senior Master Sergeant: **Juan Avalos**



To Cadet Master Sergeant: **Aaron Masengale**



To Cadet Technical Sergeant: **Rebecca Kintz, Benjamin Leon and William Mead**



To Cadet Senior Airman: **Kristopher Glocksien**



To Cadet Airman First Class: **Kenneth Baker and Cameron Mosegard**



To Cadet Airman: **Y'shurun Ayly, Zachary Dieman and Michael Padrick**



New Airmen — *Earning their first stripe are (from left) C/Airmen Y'shurun Ayly, Michael Padrick and Zachary Dieman.*

In addition, the following adult officer has been promoted:



To First Lieutenant: **Casey Young**

... Cadet leader credits predecessors for inspiration, motivation

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represent all of the cadets of Arizona to the Southwest Region (SWR) as the primary Cadet Advisory Council representative to the SWR CAC.

Q: Are you in any extra curricular activities at school?

• **C/Capt. Lennon:** I am a senior at Chaparral High School. I am on the Varsity Ice Hockey team for the fourth consecutive year and am a member of the track and field team.

Q: Who in the program do you consider to have been the most instrumental in your advancement in CAP and why?

• **C/Capt. Lennon:** There are two cadets to whom I have looked up during my CAP career. First is **C/Capt Aaron Bowens**, my first cadet commander, who is in his junior year at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He was the one person who I always wanted to be like when I was a new cadet. I observed everything he said and did and learned from him as much as I could. That is what motivated me to advance and remain in the program as a new cadet.

When I was a developing cadet NCO, I met **C/Lt. Col Cameron Philips**. Like C/Capt Bowens, I looked up to him and still thoroughly value his opinion. It wasn't until I got to know him better as a member of the drill team that I really learned the most from him. Today, we are great friends, and he has shared many insights and experiences with me regarding leadership dilemmas and difficult situations that have been very instrumental in my CAP advancement.

Open house slated

Parents and friends of Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 are invited to a squadron open house at 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Arizona Mission Base, the squadron's headquarters at Deer Valley Airport.

Squadron Commander **1 Lt. Paula Ramage** will discuss a variety of topics that include membership opportunities, cadet protection and how parents can assist with squadron activities.

Opportunity remains for cadets to train, join shooting team

Cadets still have an opportunity to receive training and become part of a competitive shooting team being formed by Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302.

Parental permission and completion of a gun-safety program must be completed before cadets will be allowed to handle a firearm. Gun-safety classes are conducted from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays through April at the Ben Avery Shooting Range off Interstate 17 north of Phoenix.

The squadron is aiming to enter a team in an upcoming Arizona National Guard shooting competition at Camp Navajo near Flagstaff.

For details, contact **1 Lt. Paula Ramage**, squadron commander, at kcramage@cox.net or **1 Lt. Casey Young**, deputy commander for cadets, at cyoungdccc302sqd@netzero.com.

Upcoming events include air shows, wing conference

Be sure to note these upcoming events of interest for Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 adult officers and cadets:

- **Davis Monthan Air Show - Aerospace & Arizona Days** — This air show that chronicles “80 Years of Airpower for America” is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 17-18, at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson. Featured attractions include the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels plus a variety of top military and acrobatic flyers as well as static displays. For details, log on to <http://www.dm.af.mil> and click on the link to “Aerospace and Arizona Days.”
- **Luke Days** — “Show of Force '07: From Heritage to Horizons” celebrates the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force during this open house and aerial demonstration scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 24-25. Along with performances by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will be numerous aircraft and ground displays, exhibits and aerial demonstrations that include the U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue, and the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute team. See www.luke.af.mil for details. Various opportunities are available to participate in the event by contacting **1 Lt. Paula Ramage** at kcramage.com or **1 Lt. Casey Young** at cyoungdccc302sqd@netzero.com.
- **Desert FTX** — Friday through Sunday, March 30-April 1. For more information, contact **1 Lt. Dane Lambert** at greatdane.72@cox.net.
- **Squadron Open House** — 7 p.m. Monday, April 20 (see story on this page).
- **Southwest Region Chaplain Service Staff College** — Scheduled for Monday through Thursday, April 16-19, at Luke Air Force Base, this training emphasizes critical-incident stress management. For details, contact **Capt. Ken Young**, squadron chaplain, at chaplainyoung@minister.com.
- **Arizona Wing Conference** — Friday through Sunday, June 1-3, at the Pointe Hilton Resort, 7600 N. 16th St., Phoenix. See http://azwg.cap.gov/wiki/index.php/2007_AZ_Wing_Conference or contact **Lt. Col. Pete Feltz** at feltzp@cox.net for details.

Note to pilots: 13.2 hours of proficiency time needed in March

Pilots for Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 strongly are encouraged to log proficiency hours during March on the squadron's Cessna 182 airplane (N9370X) in order to bring time in alignment with required monthly targets.

- A monthly average of eight hours is required to attain the annual target of 96 proficiency hours. Those hours are part of the 200 hours of combined proficiency-mission time that must be recorded on the airplane each year.
- A total of 5.7 hours of proficiency time was logged in February, bringing the total for the current quarter to 10.8 hours of the required 24 hours. **That means 13.2 hours must be flown in March to bring the proficiency time into line.**
- Total flight hours since the fiscal year began in October stand at 95.6 hours through February.
- The hours must be recorded to avoid the squadron having to pay the Arizona Wing for unscheduled flight time. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Questions can be directed to Maj. Ronnea Derby at sq302co@cox.net.

