



Full Throttle



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Lt. Col. Ken Ramage, Squadron Commander

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Young to lead Cadet program; parents, Seniors asked to assist

Senior Member Casey Young has been appointed Deputy Commander in charge of the Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 Cadet Program, announces Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Ken Ramage. Young was installed on Monday, Aug. 14.

“Considering the long record of excellence achieved by the Cadets and the squadron, this appointment is an awesome challenge and daunting responsibility,” Young says.

“Yet, it is because of that very record of excellence we can continue to build upon a Cadet Program that is unparalleled within the Civil Air Patrol.”



Casey Young

Young challenges Cadets to continue their exemplary dedication, master their studies, and gain promotions and broadened responsibilities within the squadron.

She also encourages Senior Members to seek opportunities to assist Cadets in developing their skills.

Likewise, she challenges parents to take active roles in helping their Cadets to advance their Aerospace Education and consider becoming Senior Members themselves and assisting with the Cadet Program.

“The opportunities for adults within this squadron are just as abundant and rewarding

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Give dues their due by paying promptly

Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 annual dues of \$40 must be paid by Sept. 30 by all Senior Members and Cadets. Payment in advance of that date is appreciated.

Prompt payment of dues is necessary to help the squadron maintain its financial strength and meet ongoing operational expenses, according to **Capt. Itamar Sittenfeld**, Squadron Finance Officer.

Please make dues checks payable to Squadron 302.

Checks can be mailed to Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 at 932 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027, or delivered in person at the next Cadet or Senior Member meeting.

Because the Civil Air Patrol is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, **dues and other CAP-related expenses such as mileage to and from meetings and other activities are tax-deductible** to the extent allowed by law.

Senior members, parents, grandparents

Inaugural issue of *Full Throttle* debuts

This is the debut issue of *Full Throttle*, the new monthly e-newsletter of Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 of the Civil Air Patrol.

The newsletter seeks to bolster communication with and among Senior Members and Cadets; provide a combined color-coded, multi-month calendar to enhance advance awareness of squadron activities; and to share news and information about the squadron and its personnel.

Story suggestions and submissions can be forwarded by the 15th of the month preceding publication to the newsletter's editor, Senior Member Jerry Porter, at jporter26@cox.net.

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and others also might wish to consider making the squadron the beneficiary of their end-of-year charitable contributions that will reap benefits during tax season.

Charitable gifts should be made via a separate check, also made payable to Squadron 302, and noted appropriately.

Assistance requested with set up, tear down at Goodyear air event

Senior Members and Cadets are needed to assist with set up and staffing in October



for the Goodyear Balloon & Air Spectacular.

At least 15 Senior Members are needed along with Cadets for the set up of tents on Thursday, Oct. 19, as well as tear down on Sunday, Oct. 22. Participants will earn \$8 per hour for four to five hours on those two days, with the funds going to the Civil Air Patrol rather than the individuals as a fund-raising opportunity to recover expenses incurred with returning the Arizona Wing's hot-air balloon to airworthiness. Specific times will be announced.

Senior Members and Cadets also are needed to staff CAP displays during the show, which runs Friday through Sunday, Oct. 20-22. Details of the event and its many aviation attractions can be viewed at www.thunderbirdballoonandairclassic.com.

Questions can be directed to **Lt. Martin Maxwell** at maxwell679@cox.net.

Col. Ramage sets Sept. 9 retirement from Arizona Air National Guard

Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 Senior Members and Cadets are invited to witness the close of a distinguished career in military and public service by attending the Saturday, Sept. 9, retirement ceremony for Col. Ken Ramage of the Arizona Air National Guard.

The ceremony begins at 2 p.m. at the Air National Guard Dining Hall (near the pool) at Sky Harbor International Airport and will be followed by a reception.

A Lieutenant Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Col. Ramage is Commander of CAP Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302. His retirement from the Arizona Air National Guard has no impact on his role with CAP.



Col. Ken Ramage

Cadets to tour Guard prior to ceremony

Prior to Col. Ken Ramage's retirement ceremony, squadron Cadets will tour the Arizona Air National Guard.

Cadets should meet at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Arizona Mission Base to be transported to the tour and ceremony. Additional information is available by contacting Lt. Paula Ramage at kcramage@cox.net.

When he is not flying KC-135 tankers or F-16s for the Arizona Air National Guard, Col. Ramage is a Boeing 757/767 captain for American Airlines and serves as an instructor pilot flying on international routes, usually to South America and occasionally Europe.

His wife, Lt. Paula Ramage, handles many of the administrative and testing duties for the Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 Cadet Program, and their son, Matt, is a Cadet Major who has earned his pilot's wings.

Questions about Col. Ramage's retirement ceremony can be directed along with congratulations for an outstanding career to kcramage@cox.net.

Senior members schedule 'seasonal sortie' for Dec. 13 at Phoenix Elks Lodge

Senior Members and their guests are invited to "fly in" for a "seasonal sortie" to celebrate the successes of 2006 during the Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 holiday party from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Phoenix Elks Lodge 335, located at 14424 N. 32nd St., Phoenix. The lodge is situated on the west side of 32nd Street north of East Thunderbird Road and just south of East Acoma Drive.

Festivities will include a buffet dinner, cash bar and door prizes within the comfortable confines of the Elks Lodge's banquet room. Dress will be holiday casual.

Final details, including ticket prices, will be announced; however, tickets must be purchased no later than Saturday, Dec. 2, to meet contractual catering requirements. Because a minimum number of guests must be guaranteed, tickets are non-refundable after Dec. 2. However, this is a squadron activity all Senior Members will want to attend.

New Mexico, California to host events

Out-of-state aviation-related events that Senior members and Cadets might wish to consider attending include:

- **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta** – The internationally recognized exhibition and competition in neighboring New Mexico features numerous attractions during its 10-day run from Friday, Oct. 6, through Sunday, October 15. For details, go to the fiesta's Web site at www.balloonfiesta.com.
- **Edwards Air Force Base 2006 Open House and Airshow** – Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28-29, the event features the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Army Golden Knights and numerous military aircraft. The base is located 90 miles north of Los Angeles. Details are available by visiting www.edwards.af.mil.

Cadets participate in OBAP event

Through the efforts of **Maj. Ronnea Derby**, former Commander of Deer Valley Squadron 302, members of the **Arizona Wing Aerospace Education team, including Squadron 302 Cadets, participated in the recent Organization of Black Airline Pilots (OBAP) national convention** at the J.W. Marriott Desert Ridge Resort in Phoenix.

"Reaching Our Youth, Ensuring the Future" was the theme of the convention, which was co-sponsored by Bessie



Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 Color Guard members at the OBAP convention include, from left, Caleb Eaves, Coleen Shull, Juan Avalos and William Mead.

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Future aviators view exhibit.



Squadron seeks former members as part of 50th anniversary fete

Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302 is formulating plans to host former members at a reunion dinner in May 2007 as part of the **50th anniversary celebration** of the squadron's founding in May 1957.

Cadets and Senior Members who know the whereabouts of former squadron members are asked to provide those individuals' contact information to **Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Ken Ramage** at kramage@cox.net or bring the information to squadron meetings.

... CAP a family affair for Deputy Cadet Commander

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as those for the Cadets," Young says. "CAP can be an outstanding avenue for families to serve and make a difference together."

She and her family are such an example: Her husband, **Capt. Ken Young**, is the Squadron Chaplain, and their daughter, **Christine**, is a Cadet Airman Basic.

Individuals interested in assisting with the Cadet Program are welcome to contact the new Deputy Commander for Cadets at CaseyKen@netzero.net.

Opportunities available for September SAREX

Opportunities are available for Cadets and Senior Members to participate in ground teams and mission-base operations as part of Arizona Wing's Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16.

Details are available by contacting **Lt. Bob Ure** at jru_az@yahoo.com or **Lt. Dane Lambert** at greatdane.72@cox.net.

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Coleman Foundation, Black Pilots of America, Inc., NAI Black Wings in Aviation, National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., and U.S. Army Black Aviation Association.



Legislator experiences 'awesome' CAP flight

"Awesome" was how state **Rep. Nancy Barto (R.-Dist. 7)** described her experience as a crew member aboard Deer Valley Composite Squadron 302's airplane during a three-hour photo mission in late August to the Grand Canyon.

Rep. Barto, a major in the newly formed Arizona Legislative Squadron 999 that includes 19 legislators, was introduced to the mission capabilities of the Civil Air Patrol.

Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Ken Ramage was the pilot, and **Senior Member Jerry Porter** was the scanner/photographer. Additional photography was provided by **Lt. Col. John Eggen**, Legislative Liaison Officer for the Arizona Wing, and Lt. Col. Ramage.

