



TAIL SECTION

April 2021



2021 NATIONAL AEO SCHOOL

Aerospace Education Officers,

NHQ AE is pleased to announce the 18th National Aerospace Education Officer School will be held virtually this year on Friday, June 4, and Saturday, June 5, 2021 and the school is free of charge! This year's class will consist of AEOs only.

Registration opened already for the virtual 2021 Civil Air Patrol National AEO School. NHQ AE has had an overwhelmingly positive response and is so pleased that so many want to attend the June 4-5 session that they were able to enlarge the capacity of the event to 400 attendees. The school will be recorded and available for members to watch after the event. A wait list has been established so if you are registered and find out you won't be able to attend the event, please cancel your registration so that we may fill the spot from those on the waitlist.

The agenda will cover training matters concerning AEO duties and responsibilities, as well as AE products, programs and a few hands-on activities. As an added bonus, each participant will receive two STEM Kits.

Times:

AEOs will attend Friday 9:00 am–4:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am-noon. A Friday evening social will be offered from 5:30-7:00 pm so members will have an opportunity to network.

Registration: There will be a two-step registration process that each attendee must complete:

1. To register, go to Eventbrite. This link is located in the 19 March 2021 "March CAP AE Newsletter" which leads you to eServices / Aerospace Education or use <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-civil-air-patrol-national-aerospace-education-officer-school-tickets-144466279531>. You must first apply there.
2. Complete the AEO School application and email to aex@capnhq.gov. Registration is available on a first come, first served basis and closes on April 23. If you have questions, please email aex@capnhq.gov.

NHQ AE hopes that you will join them for a time of informative presentations, hands-on activities and networking opportunities. Check out the CAP AE Facebook page for the latest NHQ AE activities.

Cadet Lift and Take-Off Program

Friday, April 30th is the last day for the Cadet Lift and Take-Off Program Applications. Go to eServices CAP Cadetinvest for more details. * Cadetinvest provides financial assistance to CAP cadets to keep them aviation ready.

2021 Sun 'n Fun - Aerospace Expo

This year's Sun 'n Fun Event will be from April 13th–18th at the Lakeland Linder Airport (LAL) and will feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. The Civil Air Patrol will also be represented at the event. Assistant Director of Aerospace Education, Lt Col Gary Dahlke, is on the schedule to present four educational forum sessions April 15th-16th at 11:00 am and noon on each of those days. The title of all four presentations is: X-15 The World's First Winged Reusable Spacecraft. Our May "Tail Section" Newsletter will include some of the activities and pictures of the CAP involvement from the Sun 'n Fun event.

COMMANDERS' & AEOs: PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO YOUR SQUADRON MEMBERS

Group 2 is proud to announce our next special guest speaker in our ongoing series of AE presentations:

What happens when Hollywood Meets the Air Force?

Find out as we welcome **1st Lt. Christian Eberhardt, Project Officer with the Air Force's Hollywood Entertainment Liaison Office.**

As such, he is the military liaison between the Department of Defense and Entertainment Industry where he assesses and provides access to aircraft and equipment, technical assistance, military advice and locations to ensure realistic depiction of the Air Force's mission and members. How does this also relate to Aerospace? That's a great question...and in addition to hearing about some of the productions Lt. Eberhardt has supported, he will also connect the dots back to AE.

This promises to be an entertaining and interesting presentation providing an inside look into what happens when Hollywood meets the Air Force! There will also be an opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

The meeting will take place in MS Teams on Tuesday, 4/27, at 1930 (7:30 pm) EDT

You can attend by clicking on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/AAF-Meets-Hollywood>

- *Uniforms required. Cadets: Blues Preferred, ABU acceptable. Seniors: Blues, Corporate Polos or FDU*
- *COMMANDERS/AE OFFICERS-This presentation will count towards your monthly AE meeting. (Group 2).*

Hope to see you there!
Capt. Collins

Adopt a Classroom



FL-173 St Augustine Composite Squadron

Capt Patrick Healey, AEO/Pilot

This is an update to the completion of our recent CAP FL-173 ACE, Adopt a Classroom Program. The mission was successful, big time! There were a lot of excited students and potential Squadron FL-173 cadets. FUN!

Four aerospace education classes were presented to about 50 sixth graders. I presented subjects in the classes over two days in Aerodynamics, and then on day two Helicopters and Drones.

All of the CAP supplied AE STEM hands on tools were applied, experimented with, demonstrated, explained and exercised by the students. I had a few minutes of slide presentations and Q & A about CAP. Special thanks to C/SMSGT Perpetua Bland and 2nd Lt Laura Bland, for helping me out with my last class. They also talked to the students about Civil Air Patrol and several hands went up asking for the CAP brochures.

These pictures were taken by Ms. Johnetta Harris, the teacher of our adopted classroom at the Palm Valley Academy. That is all I have for now. This was a fun event that was enjoyed by all!

Florida Air Shows and Events **** What a difference a year makes....

- April 10-11 NAS JAX Air Show
- April 13-18 Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo - Lakeland
- April 17-18 Cocoa Beach Air Show
- April 17-18 Space Coast Warbird Air Show
- May 01 Clearwater Aviation Holiday Fly-In
- May 08 Ft Lauderdale Air Show
- May 08 Broward Health's Air Show Experience
- May 15-16 The Great Florida Air Show - Melbourne
- May 29-30 Hyundai Air & Sea Show – South Beach

May 29 Wings Over Miami Air Museum Car Show (with Aircraft)
June 19-20 OC Air Show – Stuart
July 03 Freedom Fest – Palm Coast
Oct. 16-17 Central Florida Air & Space Show
Oct. 16-17 2021 Florida International Air Show – Punta Gorda
Nov. 05-07 Stewart Air Show
Nov. 23 Edinburgh Air Show 2021 – Stewart

Consider sending us your stories, pictures and articles if you attend any of the above events and would like to share with the FLWG and the Tail Section Newsletter.



Director's Corner

Dear AEOs and CAP Members,

This has been quite a year to say the least. Amazingly enough we have become more proficient with our computer and online skills and this should benefit us as we move forward into the “in person” meetings in the near future. Perhaps some units will choose to use a hybrid schedule. Let’s “Zoom” into the future and apply the new things that we have learned.

As we begin transitioning back towards normal, I look forward to planning some hands on AE activities and events. On that note we are still waiting to hear from NHQ AE to see who will be awarded the “High-Altitude Ballooning Activity” Stratostar Balloon Project. Dr. Jeff Montgomery, NHQ, Director of Aerospace Education, asked for 100 Squadrons who would be interested in doing this and 16 of our FLWG Squadrons applied with their interest in doing the project. The announcement from NHQ AE will be coming soon.

External AE is planning some school visits before the end of the school year to discuss the ACE and AEM Program, Adopt-a Class and STEM. Internal AE is working on the SER/FLWG Conference for 2021. Let me know if you would like to help out. We also would like to plan some field trips to Kennedy Space Center once we’re in Phase II. The field trip would be open to everyone in the FLWG as a one day event for up to 50 members. KSC has not announced when they will allow tours or visits yet. Stand by for further details.

The newsletter is sent out to the Group Commanders and Aerospace Education Officers, and the Unit AEOs on the mail out list. Group Commanders feel free to forward the newsletter to additional members. Squadrons and Groups consider sharing what you have been doing for a future AE Newsletter and let us know if you would like to share an invite to your next AE meeting with the other squadrons and groups in FLWG.

It takes a team to get the job done and I look forward to working with you. If you would like to share any ideas, information and resources, I’m only an email away.... and if you would like to help out at the FLWG level please check out the AE job openings for Internal and External Aerospace Education.

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