

# AFA National Report

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## Training for CyberPatriot: A Saturday in Vermont

Teaming with Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., the **Green Mountain Chapter** sponsored a cybersecurity training day in May for CyberPatriot students.

Nineteen high-schoolers from the public high school and Civil Air Patrol teams that took part in CyberPatriot VII season—school year 2014-15—turned out for the all-day Saturday session.

Associate Professor Jim Hoag, from the college's Division of Information Technology and Sciences, and Duane Dunston, assistant professor of cybersecurity, hosted the training. Chapter Membership VP Richard F. Lorenz reported that the professors enlisted a couple of their top-notch IT students to help teach Windows security and Linux security. The CP students received beginner-level and advanced training. In the afternoon, Hoag oversaw a session where they built a Cisco router network and learned about its security and vulnerabilities.

Champlain College even provided pizza for lunch in addition to giving the students use of two IT labs.

Hoag became interested in teaching the younger generation about cybersecurity after hearing a pitch from longtime CyberPatriot supporter Daniel Manson, a professor who has organized training sessions at Cal Poly Pomona for participants in the Los Angeles area. Hoag contacted Vermont high school CP teams, offering Champlain's expertise. He saw it as a matter of "our students helping their students."

Hoag said his college will continue its CyberPatriot training this fall. At the May session, chapter officers used the gathering to present the Vermont CyberPatriot state champion trophy to Champlain Valley Union High School of Hinesburg. First-time CP participant South Burlington High School received a trophy for its first-place win at the Silver Tier level in the Northeast Region. All other teams received state or participation certificates.

"No one left empty-handed," wrote Lorenz in an email.



Photo by Richard Lorenz

**Assistant Professor Duane Dunston (standing) instructs CyberPatriot participants during a training class at Champlain College in Vermont. The Green Mountain Chapter coordinated the sessions. Dunston is a lead CP mentor in the area.**



Photo via Howard Leach

**On D-Day + 71 years, Shooting Star Chapter VP Cole Kleitsch (center) spoke to a New Jersey AFA meeting on the Spirit of '45. Through events nationwide, the project commemorates World War II's "Greatest Generation." Hangar One Chapter's James Young and Ted Barnas flank Kleitsch, along with posters of those who served in World War II.**

**Norwich University cadet Timothy Smeddal (right) received an AFA ROTC Outstanding Cadet of the Year award in Vermont. Richard Lorenz (left) from the Green Mountain Chapter made the presentation.**



Photo by J. Bergen



**At the University of Minnesota Duluth spring commissioning ceremony for Det. 420, retired Col. Raymond Schwartz (right) of the Scott Berkeley Chapter, N.C., did triple duty: The Vietnam War vet—with 116 F-105 missions—was guest speaker, he commissioned grandson Grant Schwartz (left), and he presented the new second lieutenant with an AFA membership.**

**Keep 'em Busy**

**Wright Memorial Chapter** Secretary Vita Eonta and Veterans Affairs Director George W. Simons were checking out the Department of Veterans Affairs' website for the VA Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. They were looking for a project to help vets.

That's when they came across the request for Kids Keep-Busy Packs, toys to keep children entertained while they visited family members being treated at a VA facility.

Eonta and Simons led a drive for donations of crayons, coloring books, puzzles, and word-game books for these packages.

Photo via William Noyes



*In Missouri, Whiteman Chapter's Aerospace Education VP TSgt. Steven Brevelle, VP MSgt. Lafoundra Thompson, and President MSgt. John De La Rosa presented the Chapter Teacher of the Year award to Clint Coffey at Macon High School's Science Olympiad and Scholar Quiz Bowl awards program. The surprise presentation caught biology teacher Coffey dressed in character for the evening's "Star Trek" theme.*



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*Col. Jessica Meyeraan, from Tennessee's Gen. Bruce K. Holloway Chapter, presents Ron Waite with the I. G. Brown Civilian of the Quarter award. The chapter sponsors the award for this incentive program at the I. G. Brown Training and Education Center at McGhee Tyson Airport. Meyeraan is the center commander.*

"We collected more than \$400 worth of items in a single meeting," said Simons. "The response from our members exceeded expectations."

Organizations such as Arnold Air Society, Silver Wings, Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, and Marriott Corp. stepped up to gather the donations, and Simons delivered them to the VA.

The chapter plans to collect more for the VA clients in coming months. "Personal care items, bus tokens, and coffee are always needed," Eonta said "This is just one of the ways we support our Air Force family." ✪

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In Georgia, the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter awards luncheon honored Teacher of the Year Rebecca Oakley (right). Chapter President Daniel Penny (left) and Para Vinson, made the presentation.



Defense Logistics Agency Director Lt. Gen. Andrew Busch addressed the Vinson Chapter in July. L-r: Penny; Randy Toms, mayor of Warner Robins; Busch; and Brig. Gen. Walter Lindsley, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex commander.

## Reunions

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**1st Flight Det.,** Nha Trang AB, South Vietnam (1964-72). Oct. 19-22 in Dayton, OH. **Contact:** Rob Locker (614-738-9670) ([relockerjr@cs.com](mailto:relockerjr@cs.com)).

**7th Airlift Sq.** Oct. 9, Boeing Museum of Flight, Seattle. **Contact:** Gabriel Taylor (253-982-2080) ([gabriel.taylor@us.af.mil](mailto:gabriel.taylor@us.af.mil)).

**12th Tactical Fighter Wg/Fighter Escort Wg/Strategic Fighter Wg,** and supporting units, Bergstrom AFB, TX, and Korea. April 20-24, 2016, in Charleston, SC. **Contact:** E. J. Sherwood (480-396-4681) ([ej12tffw@cox.net](mailto:ej12tffw@cox.net)).

**19th Air Refueling Sq (SAC).** All personnel from Homestead AFB, FL, and Otis AFB, MA. Oct. 4-7 at Fort Walton Beach, FL. **Contact:** Frank Szemere, 711 Sunset Blvd, E, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 (850-862-4279) ([fiszemere@cox.net](mailto:fiszemere@cox.net)).

**39th, 40th, & 41st Fighter Sqs, 35th Fighter Gp, 5th AF (WWII to Vietnam); 39th Flying Tng Sq; and any 39th Sq** in between. Sept. 23-27 at the Lodge on the Desert in Tucson, AZ. **Contact:** Linne Haddock (719-687-6425) ([comm@mac.com](mailto:comm@mac.com)).

**303rd Bomb Wg,** Oct. 30-31 in Tucson, AZ. **Contact:** Bill Dettmer (505-294-0564) ([billdettmer@comcast.net](mailto:billdettmer@comcast.net)).

**Phan Con F4 Phantom II Society,** all welcome. Oct. 12-15 in Tucson AZ. **Contact:** Bill Crean (609-932-5158).

**Spectre Assn.** Oct. 8-11 at Sheraton Four Points at Fort Walton Beach, FL. All welcome. **Contact:** Bill Walter ([billwalter@embarqmail.co](mailto:billwalter@embarqmail.co)) ([www.spectre-association.org](http://www.spectre-association.org)).

**USAF Combat Camera,** and all who served in combat camera in **AAVS, 600th Photo Sq, 601st Photo Flight,** and present AD. Oct. 15-18 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Antonio Downtown, in San Antonio. **Contact:** [www.USAFcombatcamera.org](http://www.USAFcombatcamera.org) by Sept. 1.

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