

2022 NatCon Learning and Discovery Session Descriptions

2022 NATCON LEARNING SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

1. Aerospace Education Program Updates

PRESENTERS: Dr. Jeff Montgomery, Director of Aerospace Education and National AE Staff

There's so much to share! Join the AE Team as they provide updated information on many of the AE programs that help accomplish the AE mission. This lab will be of importance to AEOs at all levels of CAP.

2. Incredible Aerospace Education Ideas from a Former Walt Disney Imagineer

PRESENTER: Capt Brian Collins, CAP, Director of Aerospace Education, Florida Wing

Capt. Brian Collins, who, among other roles, serves as the DAE for Florida Wing, is a former Walt Disney Imagineer and now a global innovation consultant. Last year, Capt. Collins delivered a highly engaging and popular presentation where he delivered tips and techniques for engaging cadets and senior members. This year, he is back to present some amazing resources that you and your squadron can use to deliver fun, relevant, and engaging AE lessons and experiences. Capt. Collins will share examples and resources you can use, including augmented reality, other new and emerging technologies, story-based lessons, and amazing guest presenters, to deliver compelling AE lessons for your cadets.

3. Squadrons Supporting STEM Students – An ACE of an Idea

PRESENTERS: Col Brian Schmuck, CAP Plus Adopt National Ambassador, Cadet Rylee Schmuck, Susan Mallett, AE Educational Outreach Program Manager

Connecting with a local middle school to introduce students to STEM subjects and careers is fun for both Sr Members and cadets, but can also be a fruitful recruiting initiative! Using CAP's free Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) program as a foundation, with lessons and associated materials provided, the ACE Plus Adopt program is an easy to implement program- whether virtually, in-person, or hybrid. Join CAP's successful program implementers, the ACE Plus Adopt program's national ambassadors, joined by the national AE program staff, to discover successful ways to get started, learn about program requirements, and understand the benefits of program involvement. Sample lesson demonstrations and interaction will be provided to actively engage the audience.

4. STEM Escape: Unlocking the Newest STEM Kits One Box at a Time!

PRESENTERS: Sue Mercer and Shayla Broadway, AE STEM Program Managers

In this fun interactive workshop, discover clues, solve puzzles, and accomplish tasks using the newest STEM Kits. In the end, unlock the final box to be the first team to successfully sound the alarm!

BONUS CONTENT

5. Operation Pulse Lift – Saving Lives Across the Nation

PRESENTER: Maj Margot Myers, CAP

This presentation is designed to introduce CAP's Operation Pulse Lift Blood Program and raise the level of interest across the nation in participating as both a host of a Wing Blood Donor Center (BDC) and providing a Blood Support Team (BST), as well as being an individual donor. This mission has become the largest and longest Disaster Relief mission in CAP history and has potentially saved over 37,000 lives thus far.

CADET PROGRAMS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

6. Cadet Programs News and Innovations

PRESENTERS: Curt Lafond, M.Lit., Director of Cadet Programs and National Cadet Team

What's new and on the horizon for the Cadet Program? Here from the team about recent updates to the Cadet Program and what they're working on next to keep cadets learning and engaged. More than just the "what," get the "why" behind what's going on and let your voice be heard.

7. CadetInvest Workshop

PRESENTERS: Margarita Mesones, Cadet Aviation Careers Manager, Col Mike Cook, CAP, Youth Aviation Initiative Panel Chair, Katharine Schmidt, Cadet Aviation Career Exploration Program Assistant

Come to this exciting interactive workshop and learn more about the CadetInvest Program to bring more youth into aviation careers!

8. Cadet Mentoring Panel

PRESENTERS: Active-Duty USAF instructor pilots

Cadets, how would you like the opportunity to talk to Air Force Officers and ask questions about their career and their path to get there? This panel is just for you!

9. Defending Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol: A New CAP Outreach Initiative

PRESENTER: Cadet Rylee Schmuck, CAP, Indiana Wing Cadet Government Relations Advisor

Join Cadet Rylee Schmuck as she speaks about how CAP squadrons can conduct successful Drug Demand Reduction Outreach and leave a direct, positive impact on community youth. She will describe the process of getting invited into a school to launch the outreach program as well as highlight the superlative benefits of involving Civil Air Patrol cadets in the outreach initiative. Participants will learn what resources are available to them and how to adapt the lesson to various grade levels. NatCon 2022 would be an ideal venue for this lesson because participants will get to engage in and experiment with hands-on activities, such as the Fatal Vision Goggles, and can ask any questions that they may have directly. Come learn how YOU can make a difference in your community!

10. Explore, Develop, Enhance!

Presenters: Lt Col James Peace, NCSA Coordinator, Lt Col Robert Shaw, Assistant NCSA Coordinator

Join the NHQ Cadet Activities staff as they discuss the accreditation process for wing and region cadet activities. Successful activities help cadets explore career opportunities, develop their leadership skills, and enhance their skill-set to continue their journey in the cadet program. Bring a list of your activities and share ideas with other cadet program leaders. Accreditation authorizes graduates the Cadet Special Activities ribbon upon graduation.

11. Mission Accomplished, Opportunities Missed

NOTE: This session qualifies for VolU credit for Level II: Unit Activities

PRESENTER: John Blumenfield, Professional Leadership Consultant

From O-flights to Field Training Exercises to adult education, utilizing simple experiential learning practices can take your activity from interesting to impactful. Small, easy-to-learn adjustments in the way leaders create and deliver programming can have a profound impact on what members take away from their CAP experiences. Join leadership development professional John Blumenfield for an interactive session that will help you to reimagine the way you deliver and create programming.

CAP CHAPLAIN CORPS

12. Excellence in CAPCARS Reporting

PRESENTER: Lt Col Shirley Rodriguez, CAP National Character Development Officer, CH (Col) Linda Pugsley, Chief of the Chaplain Corps

This is an opportunity to share the latest changes and information about the required Chaplain and CDI activity reporting system. This reporting is required of all in the Chaplain Corps, so its accuracy is of utmost importance.

13. Why the Heck do I Need a Chaplain?

PRESENTER: CH (Col) Linda Pugsley, Chief of the Chaplain Corps

This is especially relevant to Commanders at all levels, to present/explain the various skill sets of the Chaplain Corps over and above the providing of religious services. These skill sets enhance command's efficiency but are often an unknown commodity.

CAP COMMUNICATIONS

14. Radio Communication Magic: CAP's Best Kept Secret Revealed

PRESENTER: Lt Col Moe Thomas, CAP, C2 Comm Plans and Requirements Division Head and Comm Team Members

"Congress can make a general, but only communications can make a commander."

The magic of radio communication has amazed and thrilled for more than a century. Even in today's world of internet, cell phones, and satellites, radio communication still astonishes those who experience

its magic whether using handhelds or mobile radios with or without repeaters or HF radios capable of crossing the continent and the world.

CAP can't perform its missions without radio communication. From Civil Air Patrol's very first day to the present, no plane can fly a CAP mission without working radio communications. Communication makes CAP missions possible.

Yet CAP communication is the best kept secret of the best kept secret. Until now. Don't miss this opportunity to hear CAP senior members and cadets from throughout the nation describe their first-hand experiences with the magic of radio communications to support a wide variety of CAP operations.

15. CAP National Communications Quiz

HOST: **Maj Carey Heckman, CAP**

Expand what you know and understand about CAP Communications by participating in this year's national communications quiz. Cadets, as well as senior members, are welcome and encouraged to participate in this year's quiz.

This highly interactive session explores how CAP Communication offers a path for gaining key technical skills, working with cutting-edge communications technology, and learning valuable soft skills such as teamwork, leadership, professional attitude, organization, work ethic, and public speaking. CAP depends on radio communication to perform its missions. Yet few realize how CAP communicators make their mark and serve the greater good or the skills and capabilities they can acquire, or how you can become volunteer professional radio communicator.

Communication is among the few specialty tracks that allows full cadet participation. Cadets can progress through each rating, earn the communications badge and leadership ribbon, and participate fully in exercises and missions side-by-side with senior members.

[This proposal was inspired by the National Drivers Test, an award-winning 1965 documentary television special which also used an audience participation format]

CAP SAFETY

16. Taking the Complexity Out of Risk Management

NOTE: This session qualifies for VolU credit for Level III: Safety and Risk Management for Squadron Level Leaders

PRESENTER: Mike Nunemaker, Chief of Safety

Present a case study to help members learn to effectively use CAP's safety risk management framework. One of CAP Safety's primary goals is for safety risk management to become routine. By presenting this topic at National Conference 2022, we reach a wide audience that can help communicate our vision for safety risk management and its practical use across CAP and for a wide variety of complex and simple activities.

17. Reducing Our Most Common Mishaps

NOTE: This session qualifies for VolU credit for Level IV: CAP Safety Program for Group or Wing Level Leaders

PRESENTERS: Mike Nunemaker, Chief of Safety, Mark Delaney, Asst Chief of Safety, Lt Col William Woody, CAP

Present the top mishaps in CAP and have a panel of safety experts answer questions about the causes of each mishap and the best practices for prevention or risk reduction. Because these mishaps are common across CAP, NatCon allows us to reach a wide audience to create more awareness of top mishaps and how to address them.

CAP-USAF

18. CAP-USAF 101

NOTE: This session qualifies for VolU Credit for Level IV: CAP and the USAF Relationship

PRESENTERS: Mr. David Reichert, MS, Mr. Michael Tynismaa, MS

This hour will provide insight into what CAP-USAF is and how we partner with CAP. We'll begin with the by-law reason for CAP-USAF's existence and show how we support CAP at the squadron, group and wing level.

DEVELOPMENT

19. Strategic Partnerships Showcase

PRESENTER: Lt Col Dan Roman, CAP, National Partnership Program Lead

This session is for members who would like to meet and greet representatives from several organizations CAP has partnered with. You can hear highlights of why we have established these partnerships and how members directly benefit because of them.

20. The Unit Commander's Fundraising Toolkit

PRESENTER: Maj James Mathews, CAP, Development Training Coordinator, Lt Col Lisa Myrick, CAP, Deputy Chief, Field Fundraising

Are you a unit commander looking to move beyond car washes and bake sales? The National Development Team has been building a toolkit just for you, and in this session, we'll take you through how to get the most out of a whole range of tools and programs to help you develop the resources you need to accomplish your mission. From Facebook Fundraising to identifying employer matching grants, Wreaths Across America, tips and tricks and best practices and everything in-between, you'll leave this session with a to-do list of practical things you can do today to help your unit grow.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

21. AERONet

PRESENTER: Austin Worcester, sUAS Senior Program Manager, Pedro Torres, sUAS/AERONet Program Manager

This presentation will provide Emergency Services Staff (IC, DO, AOBD, Mission Base Staff, Aircrew, Ground Teams, etc) with the basic knowledge and capabilities of the AERONet System currently deployed in the Southeast and Southwest Regions.

22. Boots-on-the-Ground – Building CAP’s Emergency Services Operational Capability at the Squadron and Group Level During the Pandemic

PRESENTER: Col Jayson Altieri, CAP, MS, ALWG Assistant Director of Operations, Incident Commander

During the time of the COVID Pandemic many local Civil Air Patrol organizations suffered from a diminished capability to train and maintain the Emergency Services (ES) Lines of Efforts (LOE). In particular, the requirements to social distance, cancellation of CAP and Interagency Training Programs, and a reluctance of members to participate in live activities challenged the use of many traditional CAP ES training opportunities like SAREXs. Unlike many units however, Alabama Wing’s Group 2 ES program, didn’t just survive, but thrived during this period with the support of the Alabama Wing Commander and local Squadron Commander’s, developed organic “Boots-On-the-Ground” innovative training opportunities that “Operationalized” all three CAP missions to increase ES capacity. This effort resulted in an overall 30% increase in incident management personnel, 100% increase in Group level training opportunities, and 100% increase in Group level real-world CAP support to Alabama State EMAs.

23. CAP's "Global Campus" The Award-Winning National Emergency Services Academy - Mobile Training Team

PRESENTER: Col Jack Ozer. CAP National Emergency Services Academy – Mobile Training Team

Join Col Ozer as he explains how the NESAs-MTT works and what courses can be acquired through its deliveries. This session will also present how the NESAs-MTT both supports and augments the FEMA training programs both on campus at the Emergency Management Institute, as well as in the field at CAP locations. The session will further explain how college credit can be obtained during attendance in NESAs-MTT course deliveries.

24. Leveraging CAP Members and Geospatial Capabilities to Support Disaster Response

PRESENTER: Captain Scott Kaplan, Program Manager, National CAP Geospatial Program, CAP, Lt Col Brian Cuce, CAP

This session will focus on how Geospatial technology and capabilities are helping to innovate how CAP conducts real-world missions. It will cover disaster assessment support to FEMA, imagery support to Search and Rescue, and future development of CAP members in the geospatial fields.

25. NRAT – How We Execute Radar Analysis for Missing Aircraft

PRESENTER: Lt Col John Henderson, CAP, Co-Founder of the National Radar Analysis Team

The National Radar Analysis Team (NRAT) was formed 14 years ago and has participated in over 800 missing aircraft missions; credited with over 450 Finds, and 66 Saves. Our team of ten highly skilled radar analysts, programmers, and aviation specialists have reduced the analysis process from many hours to a few minutes with the software and new techniques employed since the team was created. This Briefing / Learning Session will show how we perform our mission and the new tools and processes we are working on.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

26. Demystifying DV Orientation Flights

PRESENTERS: Kimberly Carole, Assistant Director of Government Relations, John Swain, Director of Government Relations

DV Orientation flights are fraught with mystery and seeming folklore concerning purpose, procedure, payment, and DV eligibility. States and their local communities greatly benefit when eligible DVs experience a CAP flight that familiarizes and demonstrates CAP's capabilities and/or partake in CAP operations, leading to, during, and post-incident missions as legislative member or government official. National conference provides a platform for GVR to connect to a wide range of duty positions especially wing/squadron commanders, directors of operations, and government relations advisors. GVR has received a high number of questions on DV orientation flights. Demystifying DV orientation flights enables wings to optimize opportunities to connect with these various officials to increase awareness and support.

HEALTH SERVICES

27. Avoiding Complacency and the Reality of Vaccination Protection

PRESENTERS: Lt Col (Dr) Stephen Leighton, Deputy Senior Program Manager, Health Services, Capt Gerry Creager, CAP, 1st Lt Heather Parth, CAP

We are entering into a "new phase" with the Pandemic. Many CAP members, as in the general public, are reacting to "Covid Fatigue" by rushing to discard exactly those measures that have kept us safe and able to do our jobs well. There has been a tremendous amount of misinformation presented in the media about the Pandemic, vaccination and more. This would be a session intended to provide CAP members with clear information to help prepare for a "new normal" situation that will be unfolding in the coming years.

INNOVATION

28. The JanEx Project Walking Brainstorm

PRESENTERS: Kathy Conyers, Chief Information Officer, Col Arlinda Bailey, CAP, CMSgt Robert Dandridge, CAP, Lt Col David Dlugiewicz, CAP Joseph Hall, DCIO/CISM

Join your colleagues in this unique brainstorming event focused on creating innovative solutions to some of CAP's obstacles. This silent but dynamic brainstorming technique gives both introverts and extraverts the opportunity to contribute and build on each other's ideas! All contributions will be collected and provided to the Command Team after the session!

INSPECTOR GENERAL

29. Complaint Resolution

NOTE: This session qualifies for VolU credit for Level III: Legal and Complaint Process

PRESENTERS: Col Jay Burrell, CAP Inspector General, Col Edward Burns, Deputy Inspector General, Lt Col Preston Perrenot, Deputy Inspector General

Col Jay Burrell, Col Edward Burns and Lt Col Preston Perrenot will deliver an informative presentation designed to educate all members on the Complaint Resolution Program. This session will cover what issues are covered by the process, how to file a complaint, and how you can become a part of the Inspector General Corps as a National Complaint Resolution Officer.

MARKETING AND COIMMUNICATIONS

30. Navigating the Digital Landscape: Maintaining an Online Presence for Squadrons, Groups and Wings

PRESENTER: Capt Roman Vitanza, CAP, MAC National Staff Assistant, Texas Wing PAO

This learning session introduce members to the social media policies of CAP and how to effectively navigate social platforms. Will also discuss the standardized content management system for CAP websites.

31. Why Branding is Important

NOTE: This session qualifies for VolU credit for Level III: Public Affairs and Branding

PRESENTER: Randy Bolinger, Chief of Marketing and Communications

With the introduction of the brand portal in 2021, there is a renewed emphasis on ensuring that everything we do -- from open house displays to recruiting materials to websites -- is consistent and represents CAP properly, whether for internal or external audiences. There are numerous rules that CAP members must comply with regarding our public image. This session will discuss why consistent branding matters and what resources are available to help CAP units at all levels be brand-compliant.

32. Writing for CAP Communications Channels: 10 Tips to Get Your Story Published

NOTE: This session qualifies for VolU credit for Level III: Advanced CAP Communications

PRESENTER: Maj Margot Myers, CAP, 2020 Col Robert V "Bud" Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year

In a volunteer organization, recognizing the accomplishments of members is important. When good things happen in a squadron, wing, or region, getting that news out internally and externally -- whether on a wing website, in social media, in a print magazine, or on cap.news -- takes some planning and a few critical skills. In this session, attendees will get some tips to make sure their stories and photos are ready for prime time.

LOGISTICS

33. CAP Aircraft Maintenance Management

PRESENTER: Rodger Fitzpatrick

This presentation will discuss the current state of CAP Aircraft Maintenance Management and how the current supply chain slowdowns are affecting the organization.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

34. CAP Awards: Keys to Being More Successful

PRESENTER: Col Richard Griffith

Learn how to recognize members through decorations and promotions, gain awareness of best practices in awards writing, and learn about proposed changes to CAP Regulation 39-3, *award of CAP Medals, Ribbons, and Certificates*. The Chair of the National Awards and Promotions Review Board will outline tools and opportunities to recognize CAP's outstanding volunteers. An overview will be given about CAP's Annual Awards Program, best practices outlined for submitting awards and decorations, and promotion programs will be explained.

35. Don't be Afraid to Ask Questions. Asking Relevant Questions for Recruiting and Retention

PRESENTER: 1st Lt Ryan R. Nelson, CAP

Have you ever wanted to know how to ask the right questions but did not know how? Attend the don't be afraid questions session and you will be equipped with the knowledge to ask the right questions and have positive outcomes on recruiting and retention.

36. Experience Management: The Most Important (Yet Overlooked) Aspect of Member Retention

PRESENTER: Maj Michael Moore, CAP

Experience Management impacts CAP's recruiting and retention process. CAP culture is built (and destroyed), in part, through a perpetual feedback cycle which begins with the individual members and spreads through units and across the entire nation; eventually reaching every corner of the organization. Learn how leaders at all levels can have a positive impact on CAP recruiting and retention through experience management.

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS

37. The CAP NCO at the Flight and Squadron Level

NOTE: This session qualifies for VolU credit for Level II NCO Structure and Command Partnership

PRESENTERS: CMSgt Cory Felts, KYWG Command NCO, MSgt Kris Matthews, CAP

An interactive overview of the CAP NCO Corps for NCO's and unit commanders serving at the Flight and Squadron levels. Throughout this seminar, the participants will receive the most up-to-date information regarding the initial appointment and subsequent promotions of the CAP NCO, Air Force Professional

Military Education (PME) opportunities and the NCO's role in Vol U and the Mentoring Program. NCOs at all levels of service will benefit from attending this seminar. Intended audience are current unit commanders, CAP NCO's and current/former enlisted military members serving at the unit level.

OPERATIONS

38. IP Intervention Tips and Techniques

PRESENTERS: Active-Duty USAF instructor pilots

Multiple incidents in the past few years have occurred with instructors and evaluators on board the aircraft and failing to take control when the student had put the aircraft in a bad position. This session will serve to give instructors tips and techniques to recognize when intervention is warranted.

39. OPERATIONAL SECURITY (OPSEC) 101

PRESENTER: Lt Col Ed Wolff, Lt Col Randy Cohen, Lt Col Brian Falvey

OPSEC 101 is an entry level training opportunity that will introduce the attendee with the basics of Operational Security (OPSEC), what it is and why we incorporate it into our plans and programs. This session will explore the Critical Information List (CIL) and provide the attendee with an understanding of the why and how of the CIL as it applies to CAP as the USAF Auxiliary.

40. Standardization & Evaluation/Flight Training

PRESENTERS: Michael Moyer, Senior Program Manager for Standardization and Evaluation, Eric Templeton, Senior Program Manager for Operations Training

Join the NHQ Senior Program Managers, for Standardization & Evaluation and CAP Operations Training, as they discuss the current and future status of the CAP Flight Management Documents and Tools available to CAP Pilots in the Civil Air Patrol.

They will present and discuss information on Pilot Onboarding, Proficiency and Training, Mission Pilot Flight Training, FAA Exemptions, CAP Aviation Mishap, and CAP CFI training. The Senior Program Managers are interested in meeting and discussing the program with its Pilot group!

41. What's New in Operations

NOTE: This session qualifies for VolU credit for Level V: Operations at the Strategic Level

PRESENTERS: John W. "Moose" Desmarais, Sr., Director of Operations, Ron Olienyk, Deputy Director of Operation, Charles Carver, Senior Program Manager, National Operations Center, Michael Moyer, Senior Program Manager for Standardization & Evaluation, Eric Templeton, Senior Program Manager for Operations Training, Austin Worcester, Senior Program Manager for sUAS.

Lots of things have been happening. Be "in the know" as national leadership in operations will provide an update for the members attending.

VOLUNTEER UNIVERSITY (VoU)

42. Come Walk with Me...

NOTE: This session qualifies for VoU credit for Level IV: Mentoring Skills and Program Development

PRESENTER: Lt Col Michael Willis, CAP, Director of Mentoring

How can the National Mentoring Program supplement, not supplant, the mentoring that is happening in my unit/group/wing/region? By attending this session, you get a better insight on the tools, programs, and uplift the national program can provide to you and your echelon.

43. Education and Training Panel Session

NOTE: This session qualifies for VoU credit for Level II: Senior Member Education and Training Program

MODERATOR: Col Joe Winter, CAP, MA, Chief of Education and Training

Hear from each of the leaders on the Education & Training team – learn how you can use Volunteer University, mentoring, specialty tracks, and continuing education to improve CAP member's education and training at your local level.

44. Female Leadership Mentoring Project: Empowering Female Members

PRESENTERS: Maj Jennifer Davenport, CAP; Col Ann Brechbuhl, CAP, Lt Col Michael Willis, CAP, C/Lt Col Hannah Levy, CAP

This session introduces a new facet to the CAP Mentoring Program designed to identify and develop our female leadership cadre. Whether you are a developing leader or a commander wishing to learn more about this exciting program, please join us.

45. Honing Your Skills: Improving Instructor Performance

PRESENTER: Lt Col Brenda Reed, CAP, Provost, Volunteer University

Designed for current VoU instructors interested in learning how to be more effective while teaching modules, whether online, onsite, or virtually. Come learn some tips and tools for improving your performance and initiating local module training events. Session will include Q&A and idea sharing from attendees.

46. Leading Under Pressure: Responding to Challenging Situations Under COVID

NOTE: This session qualifies for VoU credit for Level III: Problem Solving

PRESENTERS: Col Joe Winter, CAP, MA, Chief of Education and Training, Lt Col Olen Freeman

To become an effective leader, there are several core capabilities you should have—ranging from the ability to influence and inspire others to knowing how to act decisively." Using a panel discussion format members (Senior Members, and Cadets) will have the chance to hear from seasoned leaders in and outside of CAP about how to lead under pressure with special attention given to responding and reacting to those pressure during the global pandemic.

47. Virtually Possible

PRESENTER: Capt Brenda Morrissey, CAP, Virtual-in-Residence Program Coordinator

Modules through CAP's Virtual-in-Residence (ViR) program are extremely popular! This session focuses on insights and lessons learned as ViR has grown and how region and wing DETs/ETOs can localize the program to reach even more members. Learn how to make ViR portable and adaptable for regions/wings/groups/ and even squadrons.

48. What is Volunteer University?

PRESENTER: Lt Col Michael Bryant, CAP, Dean of Onsite Learning

What is Volunteer University? Come learn about how members can achieve their education and training goals through our modular-based program using a variety of modalities designed to meet the needs of all Civil Air Patrol members. Hear how you can get involved either as a student, an instructor, a course director, or in our national online and virtual programs. Designed for all members, ETOs/DETs, and those interested in becoming VolU instructors.

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NATCON 2022 DISCOVERY SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

1. Operation Pulse Lift

PRESENTERS: Maj Margot Myers, CAP, Major Jean-Marie Nixon, CAP, Major Klara Olcott, CAP

This discovery session is designed to provide a “quick look” of Operation Pulse Lift, its mission and aims.

2. Jr Go-Bag: Ministry to Children in Disasters

PRESENTERS: Lt Col Mary C. Thornton, CAP, BS, CH (Lt Col) Mark Bell, CAP, M Th. MIWG Chaplain

Empower the chaplain corps teams to effectively manage young children separated from their parents in a disaster situation. This requires understanding how younger children communicate and process trauma. Chaplain corps teams need to have tools prepared in advance and readily available to immediately deploy in disaster situations. The needs of young children in trauma can happen in any kind of disaster, in any area of the world.

3. Spaatz Association Overview and Update

PRESENTERS: Col Joe Abegg, CAP, Capt Matt Chirik, CAP, Spaatz Association Board of Directors

Come visit the representatives from the Spaatz Association, including a briefing on who we are and what our missions are. Topics will include new initiatives by the organization and scholarship & grant opportunities.

4. National Cadet Advisory Council

PRESENTER: Col JD Ellis, Senior Advisor to the NCAC

Learn from the National Cadet Advisory Council Representatives on how to bring forward ideas to the national level.

5. CadetInvest

PRESENTERS: Members of the CadetInvest Advisory Panel

Have a “quick look” at CadetInvest to see how to empower cadets in the field of aviation.

6. Chaplain Corps Open Forum

PRESENTER: CH (Col) Linda Pugsley, CAP, MA, DBS, CH (Lt Col), CAP, MDiv,

This session affords attendees to interface with the senior CAP Chaplain Corps leadership. In this session, members enrich their understanding of the Chaplain program in which they are involved, thus allowing them to become more fully prepared to serve in all of CAP's missions.

7. ATAK

PRESENTER: Austin Worcester, sUAS Senior Program Manager, Pedro Torres, sUAS/AERONet Program Manager

ATAK is the new way to track friendly forces in the field via Android and iOS devices; but it has many other capabilities – including live video streaming, tactical awareness, blood hound tools, mapping, and more. How can ATAK help you?

8. Blue sUAS for Air Force-Assigned Missions

PRESENTER: Austin Worcester, sUAS Senior Program Manager, Pedro Torres, sUAS/AERONet Program Manager

This session highlights for the member the requirements and processes for which sUAS can be used on an Air Force-Assigned mission. It covers the three main areas – aircraft type (“Blue sUAS”), approval authority, and legal issues pertinent to an AFAM.