

WENDELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MINUTES

July 131, 2016

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The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Treasurer Gary Atkinson with Ten members and three guests in attendance.

Board meeting held 7-11-16 minutes attached
Treasurer Report - None

Gary opened the meeting, spoke briefly on Dairy Days. And then ask Luann to introduce the Guest speaker, Galen Edwards with Civil Air Patrol. (Luann's brother)

July Speaker

Galen is with the Civil Air Patrol out of TF, a retired Air Force officer he serves in many capacities with the CAP. He as well as the other workers all volunteers their time.

The CAP was born one week before the attack on Pearl Harbor. 1948 President Harry Truman signed in to law to incorporate the Civil Air Patrol as a benevolent, nonprofit organization. Permanently establishing the CAP as the auxiliary of the (then New) Air Force.

They are entrusted with keeping our borders safe, with 52 wings in the States, 550 Cessna planes, 33,000 Senior and 24,000 cadets. In the TF Squadron they have 5 Pilots, 1 air craft & 1 van, as well as support communication, office, mechanical. Also presently have 230 Senior and 210 Cadets at the TF location. Idaho has 8 Regions and 9 airplanes. They do Search & Rescue missions, disaster relief.

Their services/plane & flight crew can be rented by Private Business for aerial research work, illegal grows, border patrol. They do 90% of the inland searches. The CAP was the first in the air after 9/11 to do reconnaissance work.

The programs they have are aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services.

The ages for cadets are 12-18; they meet weekly for 2 to 2/12 hours, with a quarterly test that allows promotion possible of every 56 days.

The 4 core Values are: **Integrity/ Volunteer Service/ Excellence/ Respect**. A week is offered for each a summer camp and winter camp. They have a Glider program in Nevada, which will allow them to become a solo glider in as little as just 3 days.

They practice Safety first, National Security they do background checks on all adults working with the cadet program. Even the cadets are to attend so many meetings kind of an interview/probation time to see if this is a good fit for them as well.

More information can be found on the website: gocivilairpatrol.com.

Interesting program of a worthwhile service to educate the youth who are our future!

Nice to see Luann who has had back surgery and is still recovering at the meeting, with her signature smile.

No further business meeting adjourned at 1:10? PM

Next meeting will be AUGUST 10th at the Wendell Senior & Community Center. Cost of lunch is \$8.50
Submitted, *Becky Allred, Secretary*