

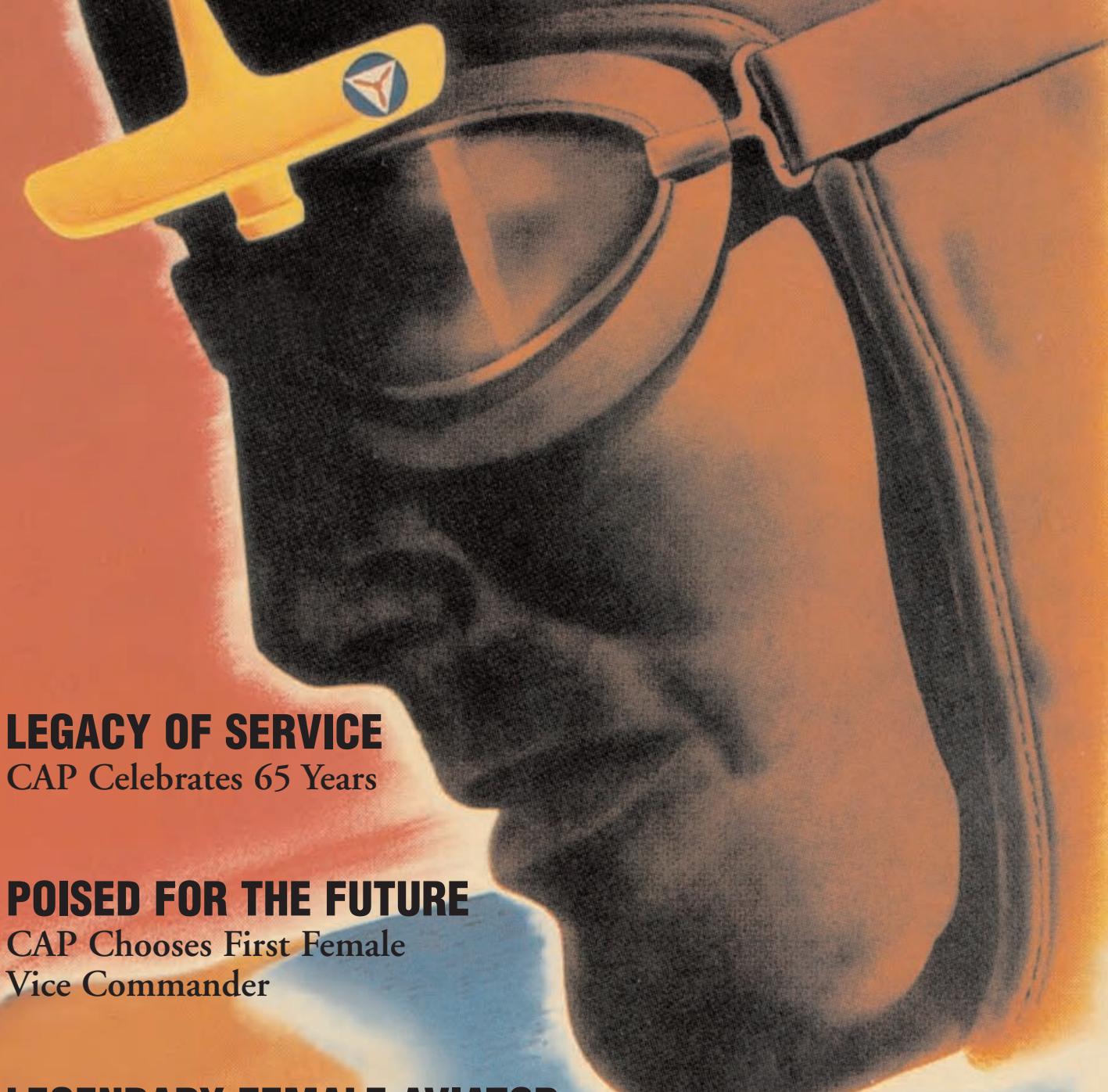
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*Everyday Heroes of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary*



## LEGACY OF SERVICE

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Vice Commander

## LEGENDARY FEMALE AVIATOR INSPIRES CADETS

Cadet Lt. Col. David Maver prepares for a physical training test during CAP's Pararescue Orientation Course at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M.

Photo by Maj. Arnold Stocker, Florida Wing

# David's Goliath

## Youth Conquers Disease, Becomes Cadet of the Year

**H**e injects insulin morning, noon and night and monitors his blood sugar 24 hours a day. It's a routine that might dampen the heart of any diabetic, but Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year David Maver has gone face to face with the disease and told it that it will not impede him.

Diagnosed in 2001, the 18-year-old New Jersey Wing cadet recently returned from Reno, Nev., where he accepted the honor bestowed on just one of more than 22,000 cadets each year.

Maver, a cadet lieutenant colonel, has seized every cadet opportunity he could in CAP, no matter how intense, from the New Jersey Wing's ground search and rescue school to Hawk Mountain Search and Rescue School to the Pararescue Orientation Course.

He uses diabetes to show other cadets they can participate in any camp, regardless of obstacles. And he educates his peers about the disease as a camp instructor at Hawk Mountain.

"If I see a cadet with diabetes or something like that, I always tell them they can do a lot more. I'm definitely a proponent of not hiding in the shadow of a disease

or a disability. I think that's absolutely bull," Maver said.

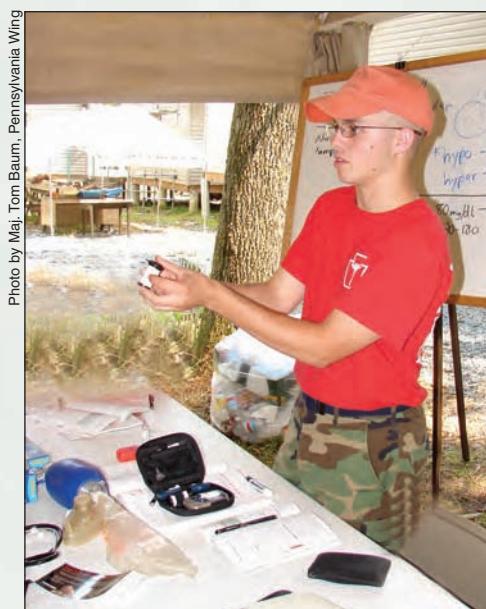
"I actually get fed up when I see a cadet back out of an activity because they think they can't do it. That's one of the things that's always kept me going and still keeps me going," he said.

And "going" describes Maver precisely. When he isn't scaling mountains in CAP or taking part in search and rescue missions, he's helping his community as a volunteer emergency medical technician.

Maver responded to 180 incidents in 2005 while keeping a 3.72 grade point average at his high school.

Still, for him, hardly anything compares to being Cadet of the Year and getting the news by letter from CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Antonio J. Pineda.

"I was just ecstatic. You're never ready for something like that," he said. ▲



Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year Lt. Col. David Maver teaches field medic students at Hawk Mountain Search and Rescue School in Pennsylvania about diabetes and diabetic emergencies.