

## CAP Remarks – Chairman Semmel

(Lt. Col. Bob Mienert leads off, welcomes members, talk about “Capital Days”, thank General Assembly for their support over the years.)

Rep. Tighe

Senator White

Senator Robbins

**Today, we are honored to have with us members of the Pennsylvania wing of the Civil Air Patrol...and we join them as they celebrate their annual “Capital Days” here in Harrisburg.**

**Throughout the week, Civil Air Patrol cadets and their leadership have set up various displays in the Capital Rotunda which serve both as informational and recruitment tools. As well, this week serves as a perfect opportunity for these cadets to visit with their legislators on not only their needs...but also on the vital role of the Civil Air Patrol in times of disaster,**

**civil unrest and a multitude of homeland security matters.**

**The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizes the important need for a strong Civil Air Patrol presence in times of disaster...and also on a daily basis. In regard to the Civil Air Patrol's cadet program, which is a top program in the nation, this program teaches young men and women about the importance of serving your community...and instills within them a sense of civic duty. At a young age these men and women have answered the call to duty...and for that...we owe them a great debt.**

**Today...as we participate in the Civil Air Patrol's "Capital Days"...it is only befitting that we express the Commonwealth's support of the Civil Air Patrol by presenting you with a mock check which signifies the funding in this current budget year...and**

**further...inform you that the Committee and the members of the House of Representatives once again expressed their support for the Civil Air Patrol in next year's state budget with the passage of a \$400,000 amendment line item, earlier this week, in the House version of the budget process.**

- **Present Check**
- **Photos**