

# 'Hurricane Horn' strikes New York

Member dons gloves for local charities

*By Neil Probst*

**H** He's a lawyer by trade, but when the opportunity arises, "Hurricane Horn" gives Long Island, N.Y., three rounds of excitement and thousands of dollars for local charities.

Capt. Spencer Horn's first fight was memorable, to say the least.

"It was a battle of David and Goliath. I'm about 5-foot-7 and he was over 6 feet. I just kept going out there swinging," said Horn, who defeated a Golden Glove boxer in the three-round fight.

In the debut bout for the Long Island Fight for Charity, Horn helped raise an impressive \$10,000 for charities that fight cancer and protect battered women.

Now 26 years old, Horn came to Civil Air Patrol when he was 12 after his father, Stu, encouraged him to join.

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New York Wing legal officer Capt. Spencer Horn waves to family and friends after his Long Island Fight for Charity bout. Horn, who attended college at the University of Miami, raised \$10,000 for local charities by taking part in the boxing match.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Horn



Stepping up to be legal officer came naturally with his background, but ever since he could walk and talk, he was enamored with airplanes.

Once he was in CAP, he was hooked.

In his early days, he served as a cadet commander, participating heavily in search and rescue and soloing in a glider.

Since his father is chief executive officer of Aviat Aircraft Inc., Horn already knew a thing or two about planes in and out of CAP. It wasn't long before he sought a private pilot's license and started flying Huskies.

"What really sparked my interest in CAP was search and rescue and emergency services," said Horn, who loves an exciting ground team search as well.

Familiar with the benefits of volunteering through CAP, Horn jumped at the chance to help his community through boxing.

He knew a law partner's wife who was battling breast cancer, and members of his own family were

waging personal struggles with similar diseases. He also was greatly concerned for women struggling with domestic violence and residents of Long Island suffering with illnesses, including multiple sclerosis and autism.

Even though he was bumped around a good bit, Horn said the benefits of fighting for charity are awesome.

"Raising thousands of dollars for charity is very rewarding," said Horn.

"I definitely got hit in the head pretty hard and my nose was swollen for a couple of months," he added. "I'm not sure if it was ever broken because it wasn't bleeding, but it definitely hurt and it was definitely swollen."

Horn doesn't know when his next bout will be. Perhaps if an interested boxer in Horn's weight class signs up, he may be persuaded to duke it out again for charity.

Until then, he's content to fight legal battles in courtrooms and to embrace the challenges and rewards that come with his CAP membership. ▲

## 2009 CAP Annual Calendar

### FEBRUARY

- 26 Legislative Day, Washington, D.C.
- 27-28 Winter National Board Meeting, Washington, D.C.

### MAY

- 1-2 Spring CAP National Executive Committee, Salt Lake City

### JUNE

- 3 Summer Board of Governors Meeting (Location TBA)
- 21-27 SUPT Familiarization Course (formerly AETCFC), Laughlin AFB, Texas
- 21-Aug. 3 National Blue Beret, Oshkosh, Wis.
- 23-27 National Aerospace Education Officer School, Pensacola NAS, Fla.
- 27/28-July 4 NESA Session One (Dates vary by course; see nesa.cap.gov for more info.), Camp Atterbury, Ind.

### JULY

- 4/5-11 NESA Session Two, (Dates vary by course; see nesa.cap.gov for more info.), Camp Atterbury, Ind.
- 9-13 National Cadet Competition, McMinnville, Ore.
- 9-25 SUPT Familiarization Course 09-01 and 09-02, Staff Applications, Columbus AFB, Miss.
- 11-19 National Flight Academy, Middle East, Fort Pickett, Va.
- 12-25 Hawk Mountain Search & Rescue School, Kempton, Pa.
- 13-23 Honor Guard Academy Year 1, 2 and 3, Westminster, Md.
- 13-23 Cadet Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

- 17-24 AF Pararescue Orientation Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 18-25 AF Space Command Familiarization Course, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- SUPT Familiarization Course 09-02 (formerly AETCFC), Columbus AFB, Miss.
- Advanced Technologies Academy, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- Engineering Technologies Academy, Auburn, Ala.
- 18- Aug 5 International Air Cadet Exchange, Worldwide

### AUGUST

- 1-9 AF Space Command Familiarization Course, Patrick AFB, Fla.
- 19 National Aviation Day

### SEPTEMBER

- 2-5 2009 Annual Conference & National Board Meeting, San Antonio
- 18 Air Force's 62nd Birthday

### NOVEMBER

- 6-7 Fall CAP National Executive Committee (Location TBA)

### DECEMBER

- 1 CAP's 68th Birthday
- 2 Winter Board of Governors Meeting (Location TBA)