



# NCR News

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## Missouri Supports Flood Fight!

Hundreds of aerial photographs taken over last two weeks

**Lt. Col. David Miller**

**Public Affairs Officer, Missouri Wing**

CHESTERFIELD, MO - The Missouri Wing of Civil Air Patrol, the U.S. Air Force auxiliary, has concluded two weeks of flying aerial photo reconnaissance missions at the request of the Stone County Emergency Management Agency, the Missouri National Guard and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A total of six CAP aircraft from across the state and more than 30 personnel have provided more than 60 flight-hours including 30 sorties, more than 1,800 man-hours, and hundreds of photographs as well as full-motion video. Mission base for the extended mission was at Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield, Mo.



Flood waters surround the town of Canalou, MO.  
Photo courtesy of Missouri Wing.

Specific taskings included:

- The Table Rock Lake and Lake Wappapello dams and downstream spillway effects
- City of New Madrid, MO, & the New Madrid floodway and levees
- Cities of Caruthersville and Sikeston, MO
- City of Branson, MO
- St. John's Bayou drainage system & levees

"While inclement weather has limited our ability to fly missions every day, through the hard work of our all-volunteer aircrew and mission staff we've been able to provide the aerial photos requested,"

said Lt. Col. Carolyn Rice, mission incident commander and Gateway Senior Squadron commander. "Once again, our members rose to the challenge and completed the mission."

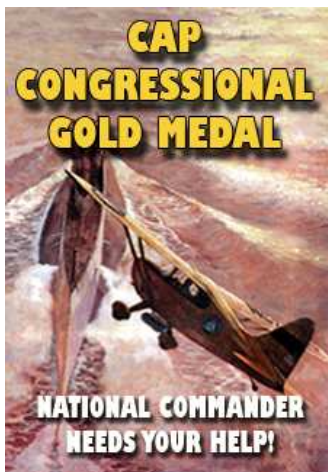
While the threat for flooding in Missouri along the Mississippi River has moved further downstream and is now affecting other states, significant flooding remains throughout the southeast part of the state along tributaries and floodways.

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## A Day Unlike Any Other

### Colonel Sean Fagan Commander, North Central Region

Members of North Central Region,

“There is no greater love then to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” I’m sure many of you have heard this verse from the Book of John (15:13) over your lifetimes, however have you ever stopped to think about its meaning? May 30th is Memorial Day, and if there was ever a time when this simple yet powerful verse should cross one mind, it is on this day.

Memorial Day is a day unlike any other. It is a day when we come together in our communities, towns and villages to honor those who have given their last full measure of devotion to our country. We remember those who have done their duty, as God allowed them to see that duty.

On Memorial Day, we commemorate and celebrate with humble reverence, the memory of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of this great nation. These fallen, all of whom epitomize and gave true meaning to the words, “Valor, Sacrifice, Loyalty, and Perseverance”. Memorial Day is a day of conflicting emotions for each of us; a blend of pride and mournfulness, gratitude and loss, and deep abiding sense of patriotism.

As we measure the countless examples of our fallen heroes, and weigh the selfless devotion of our noble dead and what they have given, we are obligated to look hard at who we are and aspire to become the best we can be.

On Memorial Day we share a common sorrow, but we also are united in our thanks to those who gave their last full measure of devotion to a cause much greater than themselves; so that we all may live in freedom.

Respectfully In Service,

SEAN P. FAGAN, Colonel, CAP  
Commander, North Central Region



South Dakota Wing Vice Commander, Lt. Col. Tim Steppan presents the Offutt AFB Composite Squadron Color Guard with the First Place Plaque at the 2011 North Central Region Color Guard Competition. From Left to right C/CMSgt Matthew Callahan, Team Leader; C/A1C Kifton Opcensky, Rifle Bearer; C/SRA Connor Ullom, Rifle Bearer; C/SRA Edward Moss II, Flag Bearer; C/TSgt Daniel Madsen, Alternate Photo by Lt. Col. David Waite.

## Nebraska Wing Wins Color Guard Competition

Capt. Todd Epp  
Public Affairs Officer, South Dakota Wing & C/Major Kendra Lauer  
South Dakota Wing

Five color guard teams representing 5 different wings participated in the North Central Region color guard competition April 16, 2011 in Sioux Falls. The teams were from the states of Missouri, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska and South Dakota. The cadets used teamwork, preparation and knowledge of the flag during the competition.

The Nebraska Wing color guard team from the Offutt Composite Squadron took first place and will advance to the National Color Guard Competition July 22-27, 2011 at Wright State University in Dayton, OH. South Dakota took second with Missouri, Minnesota, and North Dakota following.

"I have enjoyed this competition because it has given me many opportunities to advance my learning experiences," said C/CMSgt Joshua Johnson, a member of the South Dakota Wing color guard team.

The teams competed in a written examination, physical fitness, panel quiz, and uniform inspection, along with many facets of color guard drill and ceremonies.

All teams performed exceptionally well for the judges (who were from the South Dakota Air National Guard, the South Dakota State University Air Force ROTC, and the CAP).

"It has broadened my aspects of Civil Air Patrol and helps me with teamwork, drill and communication," C/CMSgt Caleb Rouse, Missouri Wing.

Lt. Col. Linda Buechler, South Dakota Wing's Director of Cadet Programs was the coordinator for the competition.

"This is a prestigious event for cadets and one they work very hard in which to excel," Lt. Col. Buechler said. "It is an honor to be able to work with these cadets and see them excel not only in Civil Air Patrol but in their personal lives and in their careers."

Pictures from this event are available at the "2011 NCR CAP Color Guard Competition" Facebook Community at <http://www.facebook.com/photos.php?id=165717137873#!/pages/2011-NCR-CAP-Color-Guard-Competition/208886769130296>

# Missouri Wing Supports Flood Fight

Highlights of the mission included:

- Saving over \$100,000 worth of livestock through prompt notification of authorities of animals in distress.
- Use of CAP's unique ARCHER (Airborne Real-time Cueing Hyperspectral Enhanced Reconnaissance) system to evaluate before and after images of the extent of the flooding. ARCHER utilizes an advanced hyperspectral imaging system and panchromatic high-resolution imaging camera to search for specific "spectral signatures" of objects as well as detecting anomalies and changes over time.
- The first operational use of the GIIEP (Geospatial Information Interoperability Exploitation Portable) full-motion video system by the Missouri Wing. GIIEP features self-contained communications equipment and other hardware that allow for real-time and near real-time full-motion video, digital imagery and in-flight chat capability with federal, state and local emergency operations centers. Recently, 1st Air Force presented CAP with five GIIEP's to use for emergencies nationwide.

"It's through continued training that our members can respond quickly to natural disasters such as the current flooding that has the potential to affect the entire state," said Missouri wing commander Col. Erica Williams. "The use of new technology such as the GIIEP system allows us to continue our strong relationship with the National Guard when Missouri needs us."

"The Civil Air Patrol has provided much needed aerial reconnaissance during this state emergency duty," said Maj. Gen. Stephen L. Danner, adjutant general of the Missouri National Guard. "The Missouri National Guard and Missouri Civil Air Patrol are an example of how joint assets work together to give Missourians the best support possible."



(l-r) 2nd Lt's. Stan Edwards & Hans Brosbol, of the Gateway Senior Squadron, check the GIIEP equipment prior to the first sortie of the day.  
Photo by Lt. Col. David Miller



An image of the flooding that has nearly surrounded the town of Canalou, Mo. Missouri Wing photo.



(From left) Capt. Austin Worcester, mission air operations branch director and commander of the Wentzville Composite Squadron, and Lt. Col. Randy Fuller, incident commander and Missouri Wing director of emergency services, prepare to review incoming real-time full-motion video from the first operational use of the GIIEP system.  
Photo Credit: Lt. Col. David Miller

More images from the 2011 Flood Operations can be found at the Missouri Wing Website - [www.mowg.cap.gov](http://www.mowg.cap.gov) and the North Central Region Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/NorthCentralCAP>

# Iowa Wing “Successfully” Inspected

1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Jessa Brace  
Public Affairs Officer, Iowa Wing

Iowa Wing recently completed its Compliance Inspection (CI) April 9-11 at the Davenport Composite Squadron headquarters, based at the Davenport Municipal Airport.



Col. Joe Casler and Capt. Cindi Wachholz, are interviewed by a member of the National IG Staff at the Iowa Wing Compliance Inspection. Photo by 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Jessa Brace.

Principal activity began on Saturday, April 9th with about half of the wing staff being interviewed and inspected in their respective positions. The remaining staff completed their inspections on Sunday, April 10th and an out-briefing took place on Monday, April 11th.

The CI takes place every 48 months and is conducted by a team of United States Air Force (USAF) and CAP National Inspector General Staff members from around the US whose backgrounds are very diverse. The purpose of the inspection is to ensure that all functional areas of the Iowa Wing are performing their duties successfully. Each area is thoroughly assessed

and has the possibility of receiving one of the following four grades: highly successful, successful, marginally successful or unsuccessful.

During the out briefing Monday night, Iowa Wing Commander, Col. Ron Scheitzach received a report outlining both individual grades for the functional areas under his command and the overall grade for the wing.

Out of the 21 possible functional areas, 17 received a rating of “successful”, 2 received a rating of “marginally successful” and 2 received a rating of “highly successful”. Overall, the Iowa Wing received a “successful” rating based on its performance during the previous 48 months since its last inspection.

The Public Affairs team was one of two areas to receive the “highly successful” rating, the other being the Wing Commander.

“I would like to “Congratulate” the Public Affairs team, 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Jessa Brace and Capt. Cindi Wachholz for receiving a “Highly Successful” rating for the program that they have worked hard to develop,” said Col. Scheitzach.

The wing had been preparing for this inspection long before its Staff Assisted Visit (SAV) in May 2010, though preparations certainly ramped up towards the end as its members were able to put the finishing touches on four years of hard work and dedication.

Col. Scheitzach commended his wing staff for their efforts. “I want to “Thank” everyone who spent their weekend presenting their functional areas to the inspection team in Davenport; I understand the precious time and energy that you have expended getting ready for this CI. I also want to “Thank” Maj. Joe Murphy, Col. Sheila Waldorf and our State Director Mr. Otto Wachholtz for the tremendous effort that they put into getting us ready for this CI, without their effort we would not have achieved our goal.”

# Former cadet earns slot at Air Force flight school

Major Richard Sprouse  
Public Affairs Officer, Group 2, Minnesota Wing

While many college students worry about finding a job upon graduation, a former Minnesota Wing cadet already knows what he will be doing — and the sky's the limit.



Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) C/Capt. Josh Woodard (Pictured) last month learned he has selected for pilot training at the U.S. Air Force's flight school following his graduation next year from the University of North Dakota.

Woodard was among 750 AFROTC college juniors nationwide who applied for the competitive positions — only 502 were awarded slots.

The 21-year-old Baxter, Minn., native credits his time as a cadet with the Crow Wing Squadron of the Minnesota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol with providing him with a lot of the skills needed to succeed in ROTC.

"It definitely gave me an advantage because I already had leadership training and experience gained through CAP. I was able to immediately apply what I had learned as a CAP cadet in ROTC," said Woodard.

Woodard was a CAP cadet from 2004-2010, spending time as cadet commander at Crow Wing Squadron and serving in key leadership positions at annual Minnesota Wing encampments held at nearby Camp Ripley.

During his CAP time Woodard also earned his private pilot's license and instrument ratings, crediting Senior Members of the Crow Wing Squadron for their encouragement.

"The Senior Members there were a very positive influence. They were always available to give you advice and to help you make good decisions. They were always willing to give you a hand when you needed it. They definitely helped me get to where I am today," Woodard said.

Admission into the Air Force's Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) program is based on physical fitness, overall grade point average, field training leadership score and commander ranking.

There are also a variety of tests, including standardized tests of verbal and quantitative skills as well as a test of practical skills. Cadets are then given a national ranking among all applicants.

Classes and tests culminate when cadets submit applications in December of their third year and find out in March whether they are accepted to flight school.

Woodard expressed his thrill at being accepted into UPT.



C/Major Josh Woodard, CAP

"This is definitely a dream come true," he said. "It's nice to see that all the hard work paid off."

Woodard calls the AFROTC program at UND "outstanding," but said CAP undoubtedly prepared him to excel in ROTC.

"I really had a much better grasp on military concepts in my first few years of ROTC because of CAP. It really helped me step ahead in the program."

Indeed. Woodard was selected as the top cadet of underclassmen at UND AFROTC Detachment 106 in both his freshman and sophomore years.

Being accepted into UPT entails a 10 year commitment in the Air Force, which suits Woodard just fine since he has always wanted to be a pilot.

"I'm pretty open-minded since with flight school your career path is pretty much set for you," Woodard said.

"I see myself retiring from the Air Force."

# Future “Soaring Eagles” selected for Academy

The following cadets have been selected to participate in the inaugural North Central Region Glider Flight Academy:

## **Iowa Wing**

C/TSgt Luke Hess, Dubuque Squadron  
C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Isaac Wachholz, North West Iowa Squadron  
C/AMN Ali Nielsen, Des Moines Squadron

## **Kansas Wing**

C/AMNCody Gibson, Kansas City Squadron

## **Minnesota Wing**

C/SSgt Mandy Bushong, Northland Squadron  
C/AMN Keegan Erwing, Worthington Squadron  
C/MSgt David Helgager, Northland Squadron  
C/MSgt Noah Hervert-Sikkink, Anoka Squadron  
C/TSgt Anirud Malavarapu, Viking Squadron  
C/SrA Nathan Olson, Crow Wing Squadron  
C/SrA Timothy O'Reilly, Crow Wing Squadron  
C/SrA Dominique O'Reilly, Crow Wing Squadron  
C/SrA Carlos Pierskalla, Viking Squadron  
C/SSgt Robert Smith, St. Cloud Squadron  
C/AMN Kyle Unzeitig, Crow Wing Squadron



## **Missouri Wing**

C/SSgt Maggie Chappell, Springfield Regional Squadron  
C/SSgt Andrew Freitag, St. Charles Squadron

## **North Dakota Wing**

C/SrA Joseph Manley, Fargo/Moorhead Squadron  
C/AMN Hannah Sorenson, Fargo/Moorhead Squadron

“Each of the cadets participated in a very competitive selection process including either an in person or locally managed selection board. We are confident that these outstanding cadets are ready for our challenging and educational academy.” said Lt. Col. Roger Brogren, Director of the NCR Glider Center of Excellence.

Cadets will participate in eight days of air and ground instruction during the academy which will be conducted from July 8<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup> in Mankato, MN.

“The cadets that were selected for our first ever Region Glider Flight Academy are in for a truly memorable experience. Our team has assembled some of the finest instructors and an outstanding support staff. This will truly be a first class experience for our cadets!” said Col. Sean Fagan, NCR Commander.

We will have full coverage of the NCR Glider Flight Academy in the July issue of NCR News, the GFA website ( [www.ncrpao.org/gfa](http://www.ncrpao.org/gfa) ) and the NCR Facebook ( <http://www.facebook.com/NorthCentralCAP> )



Cadets await a room and BDU inspection during EPS2. Photo by Major Richard Sprouse.



Cadets and families during EPS2 graduation. Photo by Major Richard Sprouse.

## Cadets complete encampment preparatory schools

Major Richard Sprouse  
Public Affairs Officer, 2011 Minnesota Wing Encampment

Nearly 70 cadets completed Minnesota Wing's annual Encampment Preparatory Schools in anticipation of the big event scheduled for June.

"This was probably the most stress you have felt in a long time, but remember the lessons learned, share them at your unit, and utilized them at Encampment," said Capt. Luke Frederick, EPS1 commander during the April 15-17 session held at Camp Ripley. Frederick will also serve as the Staff Development Squadron commander during Encampment.



Cadets awoke to a fresh coating of snow on April 16, their first morning of EPS1.

Minnesota EPS weekend's focus on customs and courtesies, CAP cadet programs opportunities, uniform and living area standards, drill and ceremony, and physical training that cadets can expect during Encampment

C/Major David Chanski, EPS1 cadet commander, and commander of the 25<sup>th</sup> Cadet Training Squadron, 13<sup>th</sup> Cadet Training Group, praised the cadets for their efforts, but had some additional advice.

"You've all come a long way, but your training isn't over. Take the knowledge you gained at EPS and apply it at Encampment, apply it in your CAP career, and apply it in life in general.

"Also, share the knowledge you gained with fellow cadets who did not attend EPS."

C/A1C Alex Stang of St. Cloud Squadron was a member of EPS2 held April 29-May 1, and summed up the whole EPS experience.

"The staff was awesome. I learned a lot. I look forward to Encampment!"

The 2011 Minnesota Wing Encampment is scheduled for June 11-18 at Camp Ripley, MN.



## NORTH CENTRAL REGION STAFF COLLEGE 2011

**5-11 June 2011, Offutt AFB, NE**

If you are looking for the perfect start to the summer of 2011, then it's time to think about attending the 2011 North Central Region Staff College! If you are working on completion of Level IV in the Professional Development Program or just want to work on your leadership and management skills, then Staff College is for you.

During the week of Staff College you will be in seminar groups with your peers and work together on different activities involving communication skills, as well as focus on leadership styles and management skills. We also throw in fun with a field trip to satisfy you airplane nuts!

There is outstanding billeting available on base for a reasonable rate. There are also ample dining options on base as well as a multitude of places to eat near the base.

Registration is only \$75.00 and includes supplies, books, polo shirt, the social on first evening and the banquet.

We start the week out getting together Sunday evening June 5 about 5PM for supper and social time and will end the week at about noon Friday, June 11 with a graduation and farewell and get you on your way home!

Registration can be done by sending a CAPF 17 to Col. Mary Donley, Region Staff College Director at [mfdonley@sio.midco.net](mailto:mfdonley@sio.midco.net)

## PAOs Complete "Basic Training"



**Capt George Supan, Public Affairs Officer for Minnesota Wing's Group 3 makes a point on Press Releases during the PAO Basic Training Course.**

Members from the Iowa and Minnesota Wings came together for 2 days of training in the basics of being an effective CAP Public Affairs Officer in early May.

Members learned how to write Public Affairs Plans, Crisis Communications Plans and Press Releases, Creating Unit Newsletters, Managing Websites & Social Media. The class also learned about tying everything together as part of a squadron's Community Outreach efforts. Additional topics included PAO Professional Development, Preparing for the SUI, Cadets and Public Affairs and the Mission Public Information Officer.

Faculty included: Col. Tom Theis, Col. Steve Miller, Major Al Pabon and Capt. George Supan.

Iowa Wing Students: Capt. John Ellis, Capt. Paul Klees and 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Anna Michele Klees

Minnesota Wing Students: Capt. Colleen McArthur, Capt. Robert Swanson, 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Scott Richardson and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Chad Krcma

Images from this event are available at the North Central Region Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/NorthCentralCAP>

# Feik joins members at the SD Wing Conference

**Capt. Todd Epp**

**Public Affairs Officer, South Dakota Wing**

Aviation legend Mary Feik addressed—and participated in—the South Dakota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol's annual wing conference and awards dinner Saturday at Cedar Shore Resort.



Col. Feik, (pictured above) a longtime CAP member, was the first woman to break the all male barrier of aircraft engineers and test pilots in World War II. After graduating early from both high school and college, she went to work as a civilian in the Army Air Corps, training male pilots and mechanics how to fly and fix nearly every aircraft in the American arsenal.

She has over 6,000 hours of flight time in bombers, fighters, and cargo transports, including nearly 550 hours alone as a P-51 pilot.

After her test flight and engineering career, she worked at the Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space Museum restoration center, restoring countless historic aircraft that are now on display at the museum.

One of the CAP's cadet achievements is named after Feik in honor of her many accomplishments in and out of aviation.

Feik has a great affinity for cadets and actively participated in the cadet activities and programming at the conference.

She also presented a PowerPoint presentation of photos and historic news clippings of her accomplishments, the planes she flew and helped design, and the many aviation giants she met.

Senior members also had meetings on new live streaming video technology for aerial missions, finance, recruiting and retention, professional development, and aircraft maintenance.



**The South Dakota Wing Color Guard presents the colors at the 2011 South Dakota Wing Conference.**

The culmination of the conference was Saturday evening's award banquet.

Sioux Falls Composite Squadron commander Capt. Jerry Foy of Sioux Falls was named Outstanding Senior Member of the Year.

Cadet Capt. William Small of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron in Spearfish was named Outstanding Cadet of the Year.

The Big Sioux River Composite Squadron in Brookings, commanded by Capt. Nick Gengler, was named the Squadron of Merit.

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Other major award winners included:

The Meritorious Service Award was presented to:

Capt. John Seten, director of operations for the South Dakota Wing from Sioux Falls and



Capt. Todd Epp, public affairs officer for the South Dakota Wing from Harrisburg.

Commander's Commendation Awards were presented to:

Col. Mary Donley, in-school and aerospace education member coordinator for the South Dakota Wing from Sioux Falls;



Lt. Col. Linda Buechler, director of cadet programs for the South Dakota Wing from Sioux Falls;

Lt. Col. Leo Becht, director aircraft maintenance for the South Dakota Wing from Spearfish.

The CAP Achievement Award was presented to:

Cadet CMSgt Eric Menholt, Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, Sioux Falls;

Cadet 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Benjamin Jared, Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron, Mission Hill;

and Cadet SSgt Avelyn Bay Bridge, Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, Sioux Falls.

Supply Officer of the Year: Cadet Capt. David Small, Jr., Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron, Spearfish.

Drug Demand Reduction Officer of the Year: Lt. Col. Leo Becht.

Certificate of Accomplishment: Members of the Pierre Composite Squadron Cadet Color Guard Team: Cadet CMSgt Christopher Childers, Cadet AMN Hanna Corning; Cadet AMN Ricki Draper; Cadet SrA Luke Schochenmaier; and Cadet TSgt Ryon Skaggs.



A number of the cadets present at the banquet also received from Col. Feik a full-color certificate showing their accomplishment as Mary Feik award recipients.

More images from the conference are available at the South Dakota Wing Facebook -

<http://www.facebook.com/photos.php?id=165717137873#!/pages/South-Dakota-Wing-Civil-Air-Patrol/165717137873>

# CAP Members Educate Public While Putting Training to the Test

1st. Lt. Jessa Brace

Public Affairs Officer, Iowa Wing

RED OAK, IA. — Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members from three squadrons in Iowa and Nebraska converged upon the National Guard Armory in Red Oak the weekend of April 30th to do a little flight line marshaling training.

The day long training included several courses such as basic communications user training and aircraft ground handling. Members also got the chance to get out of the classroom and put their newfound knowledge to use on a CAP aircraft under the guidance of flight line supervisors Capt. Kern Kemp from the Des Moines Metro Cadet Squadron and Lt. Jason Erickson from the Southwest Iowa Composite Squadron.



The training, in preparation for the May 1st fly-in hosted by the Red Oak Chamber of Commerce and Industry Association Ambassadors, served as both a refresher course for more seasoned members as well as an initial look into the flight line specialty qualification for newer members.

While flight line marshaling was the primary task for CAP members during the fly-in, Mother Nature had other plans. High winds caused many pilots to rethink their plans of flying Sunday morning. However, the winds didn't stop everyone and CAP members out on the flight did get the chance to put their newfound skills to work with roughly 50 incoming aircraft.

In addition to their primary task, CAP members had their own display and were also asked to assist with crowd control.

On display during the fly-in was one of Iowa Wing's Cessna 172 aircraft and a CAP 15-passenger van. Due to high winds and the colder weather, a recruiting display featuring a video highlighting the Southwest Iowa Composite Squadron's activities during the 2010 year was set in the night lobby. Local cadet and senior members were on hand to greet the fly-in goers and answer questions.

The highlight of the display for younger attendees was the paper aircraft lab. Kids of all ages got the chance to sit down with CAP members at one of the tables inside to color and put together a paper shuttle aircraft that, when complete, got the chance to take flight. The experience, while fun, shined a spotlight on Aerospace Education which is one of the three missions of CAP.



# Social Media – tell your CAP Stories

**Major Al Pabon**

**Director of Public Affairs, North Central Region**

In my last column I introduced you to Social Media and how it is complementing CAP Public Affairs. This month we'll talk about how you can use Social Media to tell our "CAP Stories."

Many CAP members maintain their own social media presence. CAP encourages you to share your CAP experiences and stories on your personal social media.

Sharing your experiences with blog entries, Facebook posts, photos and video (consistent with OPSEC) let your friends and family see what you are doing and share in the pride you have in your CAP work.

## **Member Responsibilities**

You are responsible for your personal use of Social Media. This means that while you have the "freedom of expression" you are also responsible for what you post and you can be held accountable for what you post.

We have an obligation to apply the CAP Core Values (Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, Respect) in our social media activity, as well as observe OPSEC.

Most of our friends and relatives know we are CAP members, so we must help create an environment where people can feel comfortable in sharing, connecting, and receiving help.

We must be aware that others will be looking at our postings and will associate our CAP membership with our other activities, political views and personal opinions.

Before you post, ask yourself if you would want your family, friends, religious leader or employer to see what you are about to post.

This applies especially to cadets applying for college or scholarships and senior members looking for work.

Employers, universities and others will look at social media to learn about you.

When you post, remember that the whole world could be looking at what you show and say.



## **Opportunities to tell the CAP Story**

Social media provides the opportunity for units and members to tell the CAP Story in many different and creative ways because:

- *Social media lets us share our personal experiences with great ease. There is nothing more genuine than cadets enthusiastically talking about the great time they had at an event, their first flight, or winning a competition.*
- *Personal images and video are a great way to share the CAP story because of their personal nature. Keep in mind that images should be appropriate (uniforms, cadet protection, good taste, OPSEC, and so on).*
- *A posting on Facebook can let you start a conversation about CAP with a friend or relative.*
- *You can tell the truth to counter misinformation that someone has posted about CAP*

Here are some examples of telling the CAP Story with social media (that you must filter through OPSEC):

- Blog about your CAP Activities on Wordpress
- Share pictures from an activity on Facebook
- Post a video on YouTube about a CAP event
- Share a link to a news story about your unit
- Share a story from Region News on Facebook
- Send a Twitter "tweet" about a member's promotion right after the ceremony
- Use Linked In to share your CAP experience and expertise with a potential employer

# Tip Sheet for Members Using Social Media

These are some general “common sense” tips for members using social media.

- *The use of the name “Civil Air Patrol”, “US Air Force Auxiliary” or the use of logos, insignia and other images may imply CAP approval of your posting.*
- *Posting pictures of yourself and other members in uniform is OK as long as the images are in good taste, appropriate, and do not violate OPSEC.*
- *Before posting images of others, ask if it’s OK to do so. Some members (especially parents of cadets) may not want certain images published.*
- *Do not represent CAP unless you are an official spokesman (a Commander or PAO).*
- *What members choose to publish on their personal social media should not appear to be endorsed by or originating if CAP or any of its units. Opinions must be presented as opinions, unless they have been taken from official CAP sources (and the source is acknowledged).*
- *Do not post classified or sensitive information (for example, operational mission information, radio frequencies, information on IG investigations, and other official matters). If in doubt, talk to your Commander or Public Affairs Officer.*
- *At all times, **Remember OPSEC!***
- *Replace Error with Fact, not Argument - When you see misrepresentations made about CAP in social media, you may certainly (& respectfully) use your blog, theirs, or someone else’s to point out the error. Rather than rebut, it is better to state the right information.*
- *Be the first to respond to your own mistakes. If you make an error, be up front about your mistake and correct it quickly.*
- *Always be respectful of others and of yourself, especially online.*
- *Do not post any defamatory, libelous, vulgar, obscene, abusive, profane, threatening, racially and ethnically hateful, or otherwise offensive or illegal information or material.*
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# Member Recognition

The Member Recognition Section highlights achievements in the CAP Cadet Program and the Senior Member Professional Development Program over the last 30 days.

## Cadet Program



**Amelia Earhart  
Award**

C/Capt. Lawton Huffman, MO



**Brig. Gen. Billy  
Mitchell Award**

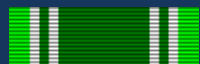
C/2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Cameron Smith, KS

C/2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Chase Ward, KS

C/2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Antonio VanReese-Jasso, MN

C/2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Lucas Stasi, NE

C/2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Elizabeth Foy, SD



**Wright Brothers  
Award**

C/SSgt Jessica Holmes, MN

C/SSgt Arden Heath, MN

C/SSgt Lucas Biniek, MN

C/SSgt Alexander Gregory, MO

C/SSgt Wesley Slawson, MO

C/SSgt Joseph Torchia, MO

C/SSgt Joseph Grady, MO

C/SSgt Austin Van Velson, NE

C/SSgt Anthony DeGroot, NE

C/SSgt Christopher Pineda, NE

C/SSgt Emalee Warner, NE

C/SSgt Austin Greenheck, ND

## Senior Program



**Gill Robb Wilson  
Award**

Maj. Shirley Rodriguez, KS

Lt. Col. Michael Madden, KS

Lt. Col. Dan Foster, NE



**Paul E. Garber  
Award**

Maj. Marlo Baetke, IA

Maj. Arthur Grover, KS



**Grover Loening  
Award**

Maj. Philip Jossi, NE

Maj. Alfred Vecchio, ND



**Gen. Benjamin  
Davis Leadership  
Award**

Capt. Edwin Spoelstra, IA

Capt. Pam Lehman, IA

Capt. Cynthia Wachholz, IA

2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Elizabeth Becker, IA

1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Dana Walsh, MN

2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. John Weiser, MN

1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Scott Richardson, MN

Capt. Charlie Stone, MO

1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Anamaria Gaitan, MO

Capt. Mark Holton, MO



# Iowa Wing

Col. Ronald Scheitzach, Wing Commander

1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Jessa Brace, Public Affairs Officer

## Year-long deployment ends with a happy family reunion

2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Betsy Becker

Public Affairs Officer, Northwest Iowa Composite Squadron

FORT DODGE, IA – After a year of deployment, members of the 875th Replacement Company returned home on April 29th to reunite with their family and friends.

1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Jan and C/TSgt Jacob Lewandowski of the Northwest Iowa Composite Squadron were on hand to welcome home Army Sergeant First Class Dan Lewandowski. He is the husband to Jan and father of Jacob, and his four siblings. After a short ceremony honoring the returning soldiers they were dismissed to meet with their families. There was not a shortage of hugs, kisses or tears for the Lewandowskis.

While her husband was stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, Jan was at home in Fort Dodge caring for their family and the day to day activities. The Lewandowskis have 5 children; Nick-19, Brett-17, Jacob-14, Luke-12, and Anna-10.

“It was difficult for all of us while Dan was deployed. The kids stayed busy with school, sports, church and CAP activities,” stated Jan Lewandowski, “I felt bad that he was missing out as they grew up.”

It was sometimes difficult for Jan to juggle the schedules of their kids’ activities. Some days she would ask friends to help get her kids to team practices and games, 4-H meetings, or CAP activities as they sometimes overlapped. While Dan was stationed in Georgia they communicated daily over the phone and via the computer. “It helped knowing I could talk with him each day,” stated Jan.

“I talked with my dad every day. If I had questions or needed help with a project or activity I was able to talk with him,” stated Jacob. “I look to my dad for advice and guidance.”

He has plans to trap some small animals with his dad this summer as well as build a boat together. “I really missed him and I look forward to having him home again,” said Jacob.

This was his second and final deployment with the Army Reserve Unit for Lewandowski. “We learned a lot after my arrival back from that deployment on the adjustment of returning. I am looking forward to being with my family again.” In January of 2012 SFC Lewandowski will retire from the Army with over 31 years of service.

“While I was in Georgia, I stayed extremely busy with my work and responsibilities. I felt bad that Jan was at home and was forced to take care of everything,” stated SFC Lewandowski.

The mission of the 875th Replacement Co. was to deploy soldiers and civilians to 32 geographical locations around the world to places such as Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya. The soldiers processed over 23,000 troops, Department of Defense personnel, and civilian contractors to ensure they were prepared for whatever tasks they were assigned to do upon leaving Ft. Benning, GA.





# Kansas Wing

Col. Regena Aye, Wing Commander

Col. Jerome Hanson, Public Affairs Officer



(From left to right) 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Mary Ann Teschan, New Century Sqdn,  
Maj. Lynn Haltom, Kansas Wing, HQ and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Dyann Berglund, Eagle Squadron.  
Photo courtesy of Kansas Wing.

## Wing Fields “All Female” Flight Crew

Capt. Michael Mathewson  
Topeka Eagle Comp. Squadron,  
Kansas Wing

History was made as the Kansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol on April 30th. For the first time in its fifty four years of existence, the Wing fielded its first all female flight crew. The crew was one of several that took part in the search and rescue exercise conducted over the weekend of April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 1st.

When CAP members check in at the beginning of a mission, their

records are checked for what duties they are qualified to perform. Lists of qualified members are prepared and then provided to the Air and Ground Branch Directors. The Directors build their staff from the names on the lists.

Air Branch Director CAP Lt. Col. John Shelton, New Century Composite Squadron, assembled flight crews, matching trainees with experience personnel.

For one of his three crews, Shelton selected Major Lynn Haltom of Kansas Wing HQ, as the Mission Pilot; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Mary Ann Teschan of the New Century Composite Squadron as the Observer and to complete the crew as the Scanner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Dyann Berglund of the Topeka Eagle Composite Squadron.

With no consideration other than mission requirements, first all female crew had been assembled.

Haltom said “Having the first all female flight crew was an honor and a wonderful experience. We, as a new crew, complimented each other’s experiences and talents and worked well as a team.” Teschan said “I simply follow my heart and doing what I love to do! And in the process; sometimes history happens.”

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Berglund said, “We were all pleased that we got to go together and did not realize we were the first “all girl” crew. That was very cool!” She added, “It was a lot of fun and I learned a lot.” Shelton commented “Yes, it did take a guy to get it done.”

The Kansas Wing Commander, Col. Regena Aye commented “Kansas Wing has a tradition of female leadership dating back to Col. Pat Lane, who was my wing commander. (May 1989-Dec 1992) With strong examples and dedication, the female members of the wing find themselves actively serving their communities, state, and nation alongside their brother volunteers. I am not surprised this crew came together. We currently have three female squadron commanders in the wing.”

The crew flew as part of a combined air/ground search for a simulated downed aircraft. They flew a search pattern in an area bordered by Salina, McPherson, Marian and Herington.

They crossed the area searching for a signal from an Emergency Locator Transmitter. As the pilot, Haltom flew the Cessna 182 from the left front seat. Her duties involved the safe operation and navigation of the aircraft.

Teschan, the observer, sat in the right front seat. From there she conducted a visual search to the right, looking for signs of a downed aircraft and other airborne traffic. She also assisted Haltom in navigation and operated that CAP air to ground radios communicating with mission base and the assigned ground teams. Performing the scanner duties,

Berglund sat behind Haltom, she conducted the visual search from the left side. She also maintained the flight log, noting course changes, radio communications and other mission related activities.



***“Seven Wings, Three Missions, One Goal”***



# Minnesota Wing

Col. Thomas Theis, Wing Commander

## Members get the ride of their lives with the National Guard

Story & Photos by Major Richard Sprouse  
Public Affairs Officer, Group 2, Minnesota Wing

Nearly 40 members of the St. Cloud Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol got a chance to see their community from the sky during a Blackhawk helicopter ride Tuesday, April 5 provided by the Minnesota Army National Guard.



(L-R) C/Amn Jenna Abel & Rachel Lukkarila of St. Cloud Sqdn smile for the camera moments before their Blackhawk ride.

"I've been waiting for a real ride on a Blackhawk for a long time; this was really exciting," said Cadet/Staff Sgt. Amber Groninga a St. Cloud Composite Squadron member from Mora, Minn.

Her previous experience was several years ago while "flying" the Blackhawk simulator at nearby Camp Ripley, the Minnesota National Guard's 53,000-acre training facility.

"She has talked frequently about the Blackhawk simulator experience, written papers about it for school and even given presentations about it, and she was just thrilled to finally get to ride on one," said her father, Todd Groninga, who gladly made the 50 mile drive to St. Cloud.



Capt. Jed Gradient, Minnesota Army National Guard Blackhawk pilot, visits with cadets of the St. Cloud Squadron, following their Blackhawk ride over central Minnesota.

The Blackhawk was crewed by Capt. Jed Gradient, pilot; 1st Lt. David Veth, co-pilot; and Sgt. Jaren Lukach, crew chief.

"We remarked to each other after the first flight that the cadets were well behaved, disciplined and fun to have on board," said Lt. Veth. "We hope to fly with them again."

"It's an exciting opportunity to do something unique. I mean, most CAP members will probably never get the chance to ride in a Blackhawk, and it's also a great opportunity for these cadets to find out if aviation is something they might want to do," said the event's organizer, Maj. Pat Cruze, St. Cloud Squadron commander.

The wide smiles on the faces of the cadets and Senior Members following the flights summed up the Blackhawk rides best.

The St. Cloud Squadron holds its Monday meetings at the Minnesota National Guard Aviation Facility located near the St. Cloud Airport.



# Missouri Wing

Col. Erica Williams, Wing Commander

Lt. Col. David Miller, Public Affairs Officer

## Wing welcomes new members to legislative squadron

Lt. Col. David Miller

Public Affairs Officer, Missouri Wing

Missouri Wing welcomed thirty new members of the Missouri Legislature into the wing's Legislative Squadron – including three key staff members – to date during this year's 96th General Assembly.

The new members are (alphabetically): Rep. Randy Asbury, Mr. David Bailey, Rep. Chris Carter, Rep. Mike Cierpiot, Rep. Kathie Conway, Rep. Pat Conway, Ms. Mary Cottom, Rep. Donald Gosen, Rep. Steve Hodges, Rep. Caleb Jones, Sen. Mike Kehoe, Rep. Chris Kelly, Rep. Jeanne Kirkton, Sen. John Lamping, Rep. Scott Largent, Rep. Brent Lasater, Rep. Jeanie Lauer, Rep. Nick Marshall, Rep. John McCaherty, Rep. Eileen McGeoghegan, Rep. Jamilah Nasheed, Rep. Sharon Pace, Rep. Sheila Solon, Rep. Rick Stream, Rep. Noel Torpey, Rep. Wayne Wallingford, Rep. Rochelle Walton Gray, Rep. Paul Wieland, Ms. Jody Williams and Rep. Zachary Wyatt.

The Missouri Wing's Legislative Squadron was formed following the successful passage of Missouri House Bill 619 in 2007, which recognized wing members as state employees for liability and worker's compensation coverage purposes when they perform state-funded missions.

The squadron is commanded by Lt. Col. Randy Fuller, Missouri Wing Director of Emergency Services.

"Our goal is 100% membership in our legislative squadron of all state legislators," said Fuller.

Membership currently stands at 126 legislators, including Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, Speaker of the House Rep. Steven Tilley, House Speaker Pro Tem Rep. Shane Schoeller, House Majority Floor Leader Rep. Tim Jones, House Assistant Minority Floor Leader Rep. Tishaura Jones and Senate Majority Floor Leader Sen. Tom Dempsey.

Past members have included former Governor Matt Blunt and former State Treasurer Sarah Steelman.

Membership in the state legislative squadron is open to state legislators and elected state officials as well as key staff members. These members are authorized to fly in CAP aircraft, visit CAP unit meetings and events, and participate in missions. Legislators and elected state officials receive the honorary grade of major.



State Rep. Jamilah Nasheed greets cadets of the St. Charles Composite Squadron during this year's Aviation Day activities: (from left) C/SSgt Andrew Freitag, C/Capt. Clay Sakabu, and C/1st Lt. Tabitha Schulz. Photo by Lt. Col. David Miller



C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Stephen Couture of the Central Missouri Composite Squadron recruited his legislator, State Rep. Randy Asbury. Photo by Lt. Col. David Miller

## New Group Commander Appointed in Missouri

Lt. Col. David Miller

Public Affairs Officer, Missouri Wing



Newly promoted Maj. Eric Dean (left) receives recognition as the new Missouri Wing Group V Commander from the outgoing group commander Lt. Col. Reigh Neukirch. Photo supplied by Missouri Wing.

Missouri Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Dan Ranson recently announced the appointment of Capt. Eric Dean as the new Group V Commander.

Dean is the former commander of the Laclede County Composite Squadron and served as the Group V Emergency Services Officer. He was concurrently promoted to the grade of Major.

Major Dean's CAP Awards include the Commander's Commendation Award, the Search and Rescue Ribbon and the Disaster Relief Ribbon with the V-device. He has also completed Level III of the Professional Development Program.

Lt. Col. Ranson praises the accomplishments of outgoing Group V Commander, Lt. Col. Reigh Neukirch, whose efforts with Group V have continued the success of its squadrons and the communities they serve in south and southwestern Missouri.

## Missouri Wing member participates in celebration of the "Talon"

2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Jered Horn

Public Affairs Officer, Col Travis Hoover Composite Squadron, Missouri Wing

The 50th service anniversary of the T-38 Talon supersonic jet trainer was celebrated at a ceremony on March 17th at Randolph AFB, TX. The T-38 is a jet trainer that prepares pilots to fly fighters and bombers including the F-15 Eagle, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, and the B1-B Lancer.

Lt. Col. Don Wheeler, commander of Col. Travis Hoover Composite Squadron in Joplin, MO was one of the first graduates of the T-38 training program in 1962 and participated in the ceremony.

He and Capt. Alex Edwards flew a specially painted, anniversary edition of the T-38 as part of a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the plane's arrival at Randolph AFB.

The Air Force's Air Education and Training Command has a story about the anniversary that mentions Lt. Col. Wheeler on their website at <http://www.aetc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123247317>



Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Donald Wheeler (left), a member of the first class to train in the T-38, reunites with retired Air Force Col. James Gibler, who was Colonel Wheeler's T-38 instructor in 1962, during a ceremony Thursday commemorating the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the T-38 at Randolph. The two had not seen each other in 49 years. (U.S. Air Force photo by Rich McFadden)

The Air Force Times also has a story about the anniversary with comments from Lt. Col. Wheeler here <http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2011/03/air-force-t38-50th-anniversary-at-randolph-031911w/>



# Nebraska Wing

Col. David Plum, Wing Commander

2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Zachary Miller, Public Affairs Officer

## Squadrons search for ELT

Courtesy of the Nebraska Wing Newsletter "Fly the Horizon", 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. Sara Pavelka, Editor

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the manager of Millard Airport, Jack Jackson, notified the wing that he heard an ELT beacon going off on the airport. CAP was requested to track the signal down. The Offutt Squadron Ground Team was to meet with the Omaha Squadron Ground Team to coordinate efforts at Hanger One.

The Offutt and Omaha ground team members met at the Millard Airport. At the time no distress frequency was heard. Upon talking to the airport manager, he stated hearing the signal at 1:00 PM. The signal was no longer heard. Three planes had left the airport since he last heard the signal. Two were local planes and one was an experimental aircraft heading to Texas. One of the local planes had already returned. The other was due back within the hour.

A decision was made to have two ground teams search opposite ends of the airport on foot to double check the signal while awaiting the return of the second aircraft. They found no signal. The plane in question returned but with no ELT signal. The experimental aircraft was Glass air tail number 952W that was heading to Granbury Texas. The information was passed to the Incident Commander and the ground teams were released.

Members of the Offutt Squadron Ground Team included: Lt. Col. David Waite, Lt. Col. Jason Johnsen, Cadet Dan Deever, Cadet William McLaughlin and Cadet Katherine Waite.

Members of the Omaha Squadron Ground Team included: Major Tom Pflug, Cadet Matt Haijsman and Cadet Chris Haijsman.



**Take care of your equipment and it  
will take care of you!**



# North Dakota Wing

Lt. Col. William Kay, Interim Wing Commander

Lt. Col. Sean Johnson, Public Affairs Officer

## A friend and true volunteer takes his leave

Lt. Col. William Kay  
Interim Commander, North Dakota Wing & Lt. Col. Jay Manley  
Commander, Red River Valley Sqdn, North Dakota Wing

It is with great sorrow that we must announce the loss of one of our wing staff members. Major Bob Pamp, passed away on April 28th from congestive heart failure at the age of 90.

Bob was the North Dakota Wing Personnel Officer and the Personnel Officer and Testing Officer for the Red River Valley Senior Squadron in Fargo. Bob was one of those rare individuals that cared about the CAP and tried to help as much as he could. If you look up the word volunteer in the dictionary, you would probably find a picture of Bob.



Bob will always have a special place, not only in the Squadron, but in our hearts.

On his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday Bob was able to take a flight on a World War II B-17 Bomber with his good friend, Lt. Col. Jay Manley.

“He was a friend, a mentor, and a fantastic supporter of both me and the Squadron. His dedication to CAP was fantastic, and his humor was infectious.” said Lt. Col. Manley.

Manley added “I can’t forget Bob’s face last summer when he and I got

a ride in the B-17 bomber of the type that he was a “toggelier” for. For someone 89 years old then, it was like he was a boy again. I saw a spring in his step and an excitement about the ride that was likely reminiscent of when he was a young man going to war.

When he and I crawled up into the nose and sat between those four roaring engines, and I watched him take his position at the toggelier’s seat, I could tell that he missed the “good old days”.

Manley concluded that “when we landed, for days, the smile stayed affixed to his face, knowing that he had a once-in-a-lifetime chance to again take flight in a living museum.”

Bob – You will be missed. The shoes you left will, over time, be filled by others, but the hole left in our hearts will always remain. I know that you are in a better place, once again, not tied down by age, and hoping you check in with us from time to time and help guide our activities.



# South Dakota Wing

Col. Theresa Schimelfening, Wing Commander

Capt. Todd Epp, Public Affairs Officer

## LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON 2010 Year in Review

C/Capt. William Small

Cadet Commander, Lookout Composite Squadron, South Dakota Wing

Looking back on the year 2010, I see that while we are a very small squadron, we still have managed to accomplish a lot. Here is a summary of our activity over the year 2010.

In **January** we went out on a real search in Rapid City. An old woman had wandered off from her house around one in the morning and had not returned.

We were able to get three of our members along with members from the Rushmore Squadron to help on the search. When we got to the mission base, we were briefed and went out to search a neighborhood. After we were searching for a while a farmer checking his field found her. Unfortunately she had died.

In **February**, C/2<sup>nd</sup>. Lt. David Small attended the Civic Leadership Academy in Washington D.C. When he got back did a presentation at a squadron meeting about some of the stuff he did. He also wrote an article about it that was published in the (SD) Wing Roundup magazine.

During the meetings in **March** cadets worked on building rockets for the Titan Rocketry Award. Three cadets later got to launch their rockets. Titan is the second phase towards getting the Model Rocketry Badge.



In the month of **April** nothing big happened. Several cadets took tests for promotions and we did an AEX project (above).



In **May**, C/CMSgt William Small attended the wing's Cadet Leadership Academy at Camp Rapid as an instructor. While there he taught a class on the duties and responsibilities of the NCO and helped with other classes and functions.

Later in May, C/CMSgt Small earned his Mitchell award!

Early on in **June** C/SRA Adam Szymanski earned the Wright Brothers award to become a Cadet NCO.

Because of this promotion and an expressed interest, he was later assigned to be flight sergeant at our squadron.



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Also in June, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Small, C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. David Small, C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. William Small, and C/SSgt Rabecca Lauer manned a booth at the Spearfish Emergency Preparedness Fair (above). While there we also got a chance to look at other exhibits and overall had a good time.

In June, the squadron command changed from Major Rodney Deweese to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Small.

**July** - C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Small participated in the Engineering Academy at Auburn University in Alabama. Among other things he got to design and build an airfoil that he tested in a wind tunnel. He also went to Maxwell AFB and visited Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters.

In **August**, C/SSgt Rabecca Lauer was given an opportunity to lead a couple meetings. Leading a meeting is a good experience for Cadet NCOs.

During **September** some cadets took tests for promotions and did an AEX project.

In **October**, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Small, C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Small, C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William Small, C/SSgt Adam Szymanski, and C/A1C Ethan Bennett, participated in the wing SAREX in Custer.

Training from this exercise was used towards getting these cadets further GTM qualified.

C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Small is working on qualifying as a Ground Team Leader.



C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William Small wrote a press release about the SAREX and submitted it to a newspaper the following week.

In **November**, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Small, C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Small, C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William Small, C/SSgt Rabecca Lauer, and C/AMN Antoine Bedard, attended the Rapid City SAREX.



Members got a rare opportunity to work with a dog team. Cadets would go hide and the dog would find them.

C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William Small took pictures and wrote a press release which was submitted to a newspaper the following week.

In early November C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Small took his first solo flight. He had earned a flight scholarship and had been taking flying lessons. The wing commander, and others were there to witness the event. Cadet Small plans on continuing his training to earn his private pilot's license.

Three of our cadets gave presentations about CAP to the Marine JROTC program at Sturgis Brown High School. One of the cadets in our squadron once belonged to this JROTC.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Collister provided advanced radio training. This took place on the Sunday after Thanksgiving and was attended by 6 members of the squadron.

In **December** we saw C/SSgt Adam Szymanski successfully completed all the requirements for GTM3 and GTM2.

C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David Small successfully earned the Earhart Award! He is the first Cadet Captain in our squadron in about four years.

Throughout the year cadets also have been maintaining and updating a squadron website with a schedule and other CAP info on it. We hope with the coming year to do more great things and make our squadron grow.