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VIKING SQUADRON OFFICER IS REGION CAP MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Breezy Point, MN – Major Douglas Kilian was recognized as the North Central Region Senior Member of the Year for 2001 during a ceremony on May 4th. Major Kilian is a Member of the Viking Squadron that meets Tuesday Nights at the Bloomington Covenant Church.

Major Kilian was recognized for his outstanding lifetime service and contributions to the Civil Air Patrol. The awards is based on Major Kilian's enthusiasm, shared experience, leadership and compliance with CAP rules and regulations. Major Kilian is a very active member of Viking squadron, recently stepping down as the Deputy Commander of the squadron and currently serving as the Emergency Services Officer. The major is also a rated ground Search and Rescue Team Leader, Mission Observer and certified Search and Rescue Trainer.

At the state level Major Kilian is the commander of the 2002 Cadet Encampment. The encampment will be held from June 14-23 at Grand Forks AFB, ND.

Major Kilian is a former cadet, earning the highest honor that a cadet can achieve, the General Carl A. Spaatz Award. Major Kilian was decorated with a Commander's Commendation Award by Colonel Colonel John Rooney, the North Central Region Director of Operations.

Civil Air Patrol, the official U. S. Air Force Auxiliary, is a civilian, volunteer, nonprofit, service organization. The unpaid members perform more than 85 percent of inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center. Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and conduct one of America's finest youth programs through CAP Cadet Programs.

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