

Winging It

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The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it.
- Moliere

Earn your success based on service to others, not at the expense of others
-H. Jackson Brown, Jr

Knowing that we can make a difference in this world is a great motivation. How can we know this and not be involved?
-Susan Jeffers

The question, "What am I going to give?" introduces a sense of outflow and abundance.
-Susan Jeffers

Leadership is not a one-day thing. It is a constant commitment to excellence, a habit...a daily practice.
-Unknown

Leaders make decisions that create the future they desire.
-Mike Murdoch



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Encampment Preparatory School

15-16 March 2003

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March 15th and 16th, six cadets from Red Wing Squadron, along with 41 other cadets from around the Minnesota Wing attended the Encampment Preparatory School (EPS) held at our own facilities.

EPS was not the only thing going on at the hanger that weekend. There were also 17 Senior Members from around the Wing that came to learn about the Cadet Programs at the DCfC Course help by 1Lt Stacy Wegner.

EPS is a part of the Minnesota Wing's Integral Leadership Program (ILP), giving cadets the chance to get a small taste of what to expect should they attend the Minnesota Wing Encampment over the summer. EPS is run by cadets, for cadets, much like the Encampment itself.

The 12 cadets who served in staff positions at the EPS came down on Friday evening for a bit of preparation training on the discipline level expected, as well as how to teach drill and conduct an inspection.

On Saturday, at approximately 0745 in the

morning, the 35 basic cadets including our own 6, showed up to begin their training. The basic cadets (all of the trainees) spent most of Saturday in training, either on the flight line learning drill, or attending classes in the hangar. The day ended with a quick drill down and then it was off to the sleeping bags and lights out.

Sunday began at 0530 (I found out later that many of them did not even know what time it was) with PT and then more training. The day progressed through inspections, written tests, and drill tests. I am proud to say that each cadet in attendance passed all of their exams with flying colors.

Many parents came to watch the closing ceremonies which commenced at approximately 11 am out on the Flight Line.

Successful completion of the EPS by any cadet under the age of 13 secures that cadet the eligibility to attend Encampment. And those that who are already 13 or older gained the experience that only a Wing Activity of this sort can give them.

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Minnesota Wing Summer Encampment

The beginning of every successful CAP cadet career includes successful completion of a Basic Encampment. During the encampment Basic Cadets will experience many different classes, opportunities, people, and life lessons that will help them mature and prepare themselves for future service. Being a Basic Cadet is not just about learning to wear a uniform, make a bunk, or master drill and ceremonies - it is more than that. It is about learning the crucial life lessons such as attention to detail, overcoming adversity, the value of teamwork, and discovering the nature of virtues and values.

The 2003 Encampment will be held 05-12 July at Volk Field Air National Guard Base near Camp Douglas, Wisconsin. The cost will be approx. \$100 per cadet.

Attending Encampment opens all sorts of doors in CAP and I strongly urge every eligible cadet to attend this year.

Be watching your mail for the information packet.



A Brief Trip Down Memory Lane



"The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others."
 --~Ghandi

"Prior to becoming one of 11 CAP Founding Fathers in Red Wing (1967-68), I served as a CAP Cadet in Illinois Wing (1957-61)--Waukegan Comp Sqdn, just 45 mi N of Chicago, meeting in the National Guard Armory there.

"Waukegan, IL, might be remembered by CAP Super-Senior Members as Chicago's *North Shore* hometown that had its **15 Seconds of Fame** because Movie/TV/Radio celebrity **Jack Benny** (real name, Benny Kubelski) was born there.

"Our Cadets competed in Illinois Wing's 1960 Cadet Drill Competition, in the onetime MATS (military air transport service) base

hanger on Rantoul AFB (near Univ of Illinois campus at Champaign-Urbana).

"USAF Drill Sergeants were judges. It turned out to be great fun for all--even though we sewed creases into our trousers, super-starched our uniforms, "Buzz Cut" our hairstyles for boys, "Peter Pan" hairstyles for girls. But our scores were disastrous! Sigh.

"Goodhue County Comp Sqdn" aka Red Wing Comp Sqdn in 1967-68 was just then a-birthing with 11 SM's and 36 Cadets. We had the use of the Red Wing Nat'l Guard Armory for Drill Training;

but not enough time to put together a Drill Team.

"Ah yes...fond memories, indeed...for this Old Founding Father in MNWG history.

"I entrust you, today, to put together a Drill Team...if not in 2003...then in 2004.

"Cordially,

Chaplain David J Kallio
 US Army 1968-96
 Germany, Panama, etc
 CAP SM 1961-68
 MNWG
 CAP Cadet 1958-61
 ILWG



Focus Squadron Member of the Month



C/AIC **Andrew Dose** is our Focus Squadron Member of the Month

Cadet Dose is a 14 year old eighth grader who has been very active with the squadron over the last year. He has been a member of Red Wing Squadron since October of 2001.

The main reason that he joined Civil Air Patrol was his interest in aviation. He would like to learn to fly someday and has already expressed

interest in attending Flight Academy in the future.

What he enjoys most about CAP is working the Cadet Program, gaining leadership skills, and learning about the United States Military.

As an adult, he would like to be an Air Force Pilot, flying in one of the many high precision aircraft.

He has served the squadron over the last year as a Flight Commander and a Color

Guard Commander. He was vital in our squadron having a Color Guard at the Competition last year.

He has also attended the Encampment Preparatory School, as well as many other local squadron activities.

Cadet Dose is easy to get along with and is more than willing to learn everything that he needs to know to better serve the squadron.

C/AIC Shashona Lucas



Upcoming Meetings and Activities

Please remember that the Meeting Agendas may (and will) occasionally change.

Also remember to always dress for the weather, as we may be outside.

- 3 April 2003** *Regular Meeting*
Uniform: Squadron T-shirt,
black or blue shorts, sweat pants,
tennis shoes, and boots
 Physical Fitness Test
 Drill & Ceremonies
- 10 April 2003** *Regular Meeting*
Uniform: BDUs
 Restructuring of Cadet Staff
 Emergency Services
 Emergency Services
- 17 April 2003** *Regular Meeting*
Uniform: Blues
 Moral Leadership
 Testing/Drill & Ceremonies
- 24 April 2003** *Regular Meeting*
Uniform: Blues
 Aerospace Education
 Leadership Class

Upcoming Activities

April 5 **Staff Training** **10-2pm**
 Cadet Staff will meet at the hangar to learn more about leadership and continue to discuss how the Cadet Program in Red Wing should be run. How do we get new members? How do we keep the ones that we have? Also, discussions will include criteria for a new cadet commander.



April 11-13 **BlackCAP**
 BlackCAP is an Emergency Services College that has been put on by Red Wing Composite Squadron for almost 20 years. BlackCAP is a chance for cadets and seniors alike from around the Wing (and from other Wing's as well) to get together and train in one of our main missions. There is all Drill & Ceremonies training and FUN to be had by all who attend.

April 17 **Hangar Sale Drop Off** **6pm - 9pm**
April 19 **Hangar Sale Drop Off** **10am - 2pm**
 Collect your discards and donate them to the squadron! Talk to your friends and neighbors; see if they have anything to donate. If we have nothing to sell, we cannot raise funds for activities. Lend a helping hand and donate what you can.

April 26 **Highway Cleanup** **9am - Noon**
 Hanger Sale **6am - 4pm**
 We will take care of two things all in one day. We will start off the day bright and early with our Annual Fundraiser. Baked Goods can be brought in as a donation. The Highway Cleanup will begin at 9am. As you can see, we will need a TON of volunteers for this day. Family Members and Friends are welcome to come and help.

May 2-4 **Minnesota Wing**
 Conference
 7 Cadets and many, many Senior Members will be attending the Wing Conference this year. We will be taking the squadron van to Brainard on Friday Evening, returning in the afternoon sometime on Sunday. The uniform for this event will be short sleeve blues. For the banquet and the ball, the uniform is formal. Black bowties and white shirts, no ribbons. Or appropriate civilian clothing.

May 16-18 **Ground Team Training**
 130th Squadron Facilities
 An excellent opportunity for Emergency Services Training. This will be our kick-off into a summer filled with a ton of ES and Aerospace Training. Remember to mark your calendar, more information to follow soon.



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PROMOTIONS

Cadet Airman Shashona Lucas promoted to Cadet Airman First Class
Cadet Airman Todd Plote promoted to Cadet Airman First Class

BlackCAP Emergency Services College

BlackCAP is a special Red Wing event that I would like to see every one of the local cadets attend. Even those that have just joined are eligible to attend this event.

Red Wing Squadron has been putting on the BlackCAP Emergency Services College now for 19 years.

The event begins at 6pm on Friday evening, and ends with a pass & review and closing ceremonies at noon on Sunday. For many cadets, especially those that have not attended Encampment yet, this will be their first pass & review experience.

Last year, over 150 Civil Air Patrol members attended this school in Red Wing. The attendees came from across Minnesota, as well as a group from both Nebraska and North Dakota Wing.

A lot of training and a lot of fun are in store for those taking the time to attend.

Parents are invited to attend the pass & review early Sunday morning.

Ask your cadet about the event, or check out last months newsletter on the internet.

All interested cadets must visit our website

and register for the training. Look for the BlackCAP link on the front page and follow the directions. You should be applying as a flight member, not a staff member.

Cadets who attend will need their BDU uniform, overnight gear, food for the entire weekend (minus Saturday's dinner), ten dollars, their CAP ID card, their parents permission slip, and anything else that was on the flyer in last months newsletter.

1Lt Mari Lucas

Dear Mom and Dad,

Parental Support. Those two words are essential to a cadet who is successful in this program. CAP, much like the Boy Scouts, needs the assistance of parents to help their cadet be all they can be. Encourage your cadet to attend meetings, wear their uniform properly, participate in unit activities, obey their officers, and advance their training rapidly. It is amazing how much a parent's support can help with these things. I hold each one of your cadets to a certain standard, one that I and my staff constantly remind them of. When I ask them for paperwork, I expect them to bring it to me in a timely manner. When I ask them to take their newsletters to their parents, I expect them to do so.

We have raised the bar at Red Wing Squadron and will be expecting a bit more self-discipline from them. Please take the time to ask your cadet what they did at the meeting or what they learned. Show them that you care about what they are doing, and how well they are doing. If they are encouraged to excel by more than one person, the chances that they will excel on their own grows tremendously.

1Lt Mari Lucas

I would like to give all of my cadets some incentive to learn & grow with our program. I also want to make sure that EVERY CADET is reading this newsletter. Even though some of the newsletter does not seem to pertain to the cadets, the information is all important to the entire squadron. So....

The first cadet that properly reports to 1Lt Mari Lucas & tells her who is in their Squadron Chain of Command will receive a prize!!