

Leading others takes courage.
People become like their leaders.
Hurting people hurts people.
My growth determines my people's growth.
Leadership develops on the basis of trust.
People are a leaders only appreciable asset.
You cannot lead people if you need people's approval or support.
Admit your failures quickly and humbly.
Respect is vital to the leader.
The most challenging work is leading leaders.

-John Maxwell



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Minnesota Wing Conference

2-4 May 2003

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By now, you should all have received an invitation to the annual Minnesota Wing Conference. While you are making your decision to attend, I would like you to think about something. Wing Conference is a chance for many of Minnesota's Civil Air Patrol members to be acknowledged and recognized among their peers. It is also a time for Seniors to network, to meet other people throughout the state that do the exact same job that they, themselves, do for their squadron. For cadets, Wing Conference is an opportunity to make and renew friendships with other cadets around the state. There are training opportunities, with Seminars geared towards their individual levels in the program. Cadet members are also recognized at Wing Conference. It is good for younger cadets to see what they can aspire to be. Wing Conference is also a chance for both cadet and senior members of the program to show their "stuff" to the general public. Civil Air Patrol members are not the only guests that stay at Breezy Point Resort that weekend, and many eyes look towards our members to

see what we are all about. The theme for this year's Wing Conference is "pulling together". This is something that our squadron can do this year at Wing Conference. Red Wing Composite Squadron has the opportunity to "pull together" at the Conference this year and show the rest of the state what our squadron is all about. This year, I will be attending Wing Conference with my two children, one of which is already a cadet, one who will be a cadet within the next year. My own cadet will participate fully with all that Wing Conference has to offer. She will participate in the uniform inspection on Saturday morning, as well as the classes that are held throughout the day. I would like to give all of the cadets in the squadron the opportunity to participate in Wing Conference. In order for a cadet to attend this activity, he/she must have earned the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant, or be a minimum of age 14, unless they have participated in the Minnesota Wing Encampment Prep School.

I will need to know which cadets will be able to attend Wing Conference by the 15th of March. This will allow me to block off a few rooms, so I can assure that the cadets attending would be supervised properly. I realize that at first the cost may seem like a huge amount for just a weekend. One of our senior members would drive the van to the resort on Friday evening, transporting cadets to and from the conferences. The cost of the room would be split between the occupants of the room (with 4 cadets per room). We have another senior that is willing to chaperone the cadets during the banquet. This should greatly reduce the cost per cadet. Parents, of course, are also invited to attend Wing Conference with their cadets. Let me know if you or your cadet are planning on attending.

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It is time again...For our 2nd Annual Spring Hangar/Bake Sale



One of the things that absolutely have to do in Civil Air Patrol is have fundraisers. It CAN be a lot of fun. Last year, we raised over \$400 for our squadron's cadet activities. So we are asking all of our members and their families to clean out their closets and bring their extras to the hangar. Everyone has clothes that don't fit or items laying around their houses

that they don't use anymore. Now you all have something to do with those things. Bring them out to the hangar and drop them off!! We will be accepting donations after BlackCAP, so starting with the meeting on the 17th of April, you can bring in your items and leave them at the hangar. We will accept them the following Saturday (19 April) from 10am -2pm. The Hangar

Sale will begin bright and early on the 26th and, of course, we are looking for member and family volunteers to help out with this event. Baked goods was one of our best sellers last year and we would be willing to accept any donations in that department on the day of the sale.

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

--Ghandi



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They are also available in hard copy at the Squadron Facilities.

Focus Squadron Member of the Month



Capt Wegner has been in CAP since 1990. He was a cadet until he turned 21 in 1998. His highest grade in the cadet program was Major. He served as Cadet Commander for about a year in Red Wing.

Capt Wegner, as I am sure everyone is aware, is married to Lt Stacy Wegner. They met on International Air Cadet Exchange to Germany in 1997. They were married in 2000 by Chaplain Don Mikitta.

When Capt Wegner is not busy doing CAP stuff he enjoys reading and homebrewing. The book he is reading now is "Saga of Icelanders" which is about the Vikings in Greenland.

In case you did not see the news the other night (Tuesday, 25 Feb), Fox9 News in the Twin Cities interviewed him and his family about his brother Petty Officer Levi Wegner in the Navy. Levi is

currently stationed aboard the USS Constellation in the Persian Gulf. He is an aviation electrician's mate.

The most important thing about Cpt Wegner is that if you have questions on the regulations and the program, he is your man. If he doesn't know the answer he can find it quickly.

Lt Stacy Wegner



Constantly looking for Volunteers

Unfortunately, the newsletter does not write itself, and one person can not do it alone. I am looking for a Senior Member and a Cadet Member to write articles for

this newsletter. I personally feel that the information contained within this newsletter can be very important, but with only one person in the squadron doing

the reporting, you are all getting a VERY one-sided view. The newsletter should be for ALL members by ALL members.

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This Month in Squadron History

Last year – Cadet Todd Plote joined the Squadron

5 yrs ago – Aliveo Learning Center moves into the Red Wing CAP Center

10 yrs ago – (not enough history recorded)

15 yrs ago – Cadet Doug Reynolds promoted to Cadet Captain

Major “Ace” Browning

Ace’s Jodie Section



We like shelter haves and living outside,
The only pay we get is honor and pride -
Don't like being stuck on base if you know what I mean,
I'd rather hump in the rain with my Ground Team!

Because we're:
High-speed (instructor)... Ground Team!(flight)
Low-drag... Ground Team!
Hard-core... Ground Team!
Gung-ho... Ground Team!
HOO-AHH... GROUND TEAM! (x2)

We like mummy bags and mosquito nets,
And what you see is what you get -
The best weekend warriors you've ever seen,
To get the job done call on the Ground Team!



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We like packs on our back and our boots in the mud,
People always wonder why we deal with the crud -
Blood, sweat, and tears are what we give,
These things we do that others may live!

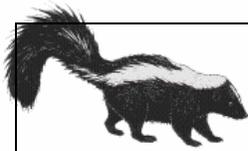
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Promotions

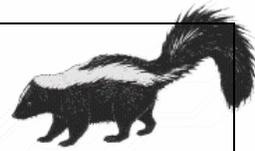
Cadet Airman Basic **Chris Rosenthal** was promoted to Cadet Airman
Cadet Airman **Blake Clerico** was promoted to Cadet Airman First Class
Cadet Airman **Andrew Dose** was promoted to Cadet Airman First Class

Congratulation to all of those who promoted! Keep up the good work and continue working the program.
The benefits that you gain are far more than your name mentioned in the newsletter.





April 11-13, 2003
BLACK – CAP
Red Wing Emergency Services College



A FEW FUN PEOPLE

The Black–Cap Emergency Services College is designed to instill a sense of enjoyment in the midst of serving in Civil Air Patrol. Within the Program is a serious dedication to doing the best to help others and gain a special Esprit de Corps in all CAP without excluding any person.

DID YOU SAY FUN?!

Black-Cap is basically a correspondence college...

Mail off your cap and join the fun today!

1. Black-Cappers must smile!(except at attention most times)
2. Black-Cappers must play Jacks, Marbles, Pick-Up Sticks, and color inside the lines without eating the crayons.
3. Black-Cappers must be proficient at multiple drilling styles: Razzle-Dazzle, Smile & Wave, At Ease, and Getting' Jiggy
4. Black-Cappers must be able to ENJOY watching drill related movies-there may be a TEST!

SEARCHING FOR THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

In addition to the standard CAP program, Black-Cap Cadet Team Commanders must possess special qualifications:

1. Enjoy McDonald Land and support Mickey Mouse.
2. Star Gazing 101 and Dreaming 104 are pre-requisites.
3. Be patriotic and proud to be an American!
4. Black-Cap alumna and an interest in ES are a plus!

To become a Cadet Team Commander at Black Cap 19, submit one BCF31 ("I-wanna-be letter) ASAP...

THE SCHOOL OF SCHOOLS

The activities of the Black-Cap Emergency Services College will always be inclusive of educational training. Excellence of applying the fun-damentals of Emergency Services training will be the goal of Black-Cap. When the work is done, a Black-Capper will be exposed to the example of fellowship amongst their fellow Civil Air Patrol Cadet and Senior members.

Hat: Black, plain baseball style or official BCESC issue.

Pink Delta: Recognized attendee of at least three Black-Caps, worn in hat-flash and/or pocket-patch form.

Scrambled Eggs: Gold-Senior Staff
Silver-C/CC
Silver & Gold-past C/CC

Black-Cap Oath:
That's A Fact, Jack!

Black-Cap Motto:
Always

Black-Cap Honor Code:
I Will Never



WHAT TO BRING TO BLACK-CAP 19:

- ◆ Sleeping Bag & Ground Pad
- ◆ Food that does not require refrigeration-how you cook it is up to you
- ◆ Black-Cappers must carry ten-gallons of dehydrated water or propwash and 100 feet of flightline at all times.
- ◆ Food for yourself(and treats for the staff)
- ◆ \$10.00 for tuition, and a little extra spending money is suggested (tips for instructors will be expected).
- ◆ Personal Emergency Services Equipment (recommended)
- ◆ A happy-go-lucky attitude (mandatory!)

PLEASE MAKE 10 COPIES OF THIS FLYER & GIVE THEM TO ALL YOUR CAP FRIENDS!

The Fine Print: Black-Cap 19 will be in session at the Red Wing Squadron CAP Center in Bay City, Wisconsin (leave the cheese-head hat at home). Registration will commence at 1800 hours, Friday – Graduation Ceremonies will dismiss 1300 hours, Sunday. The curriculum will focus on Homeland Defense skills and techniques as well as camaraderie and friendly competition amongst fellow CAP members. And if you didn't understand anything that this flyer said, you DEFINITELY need to come to Black-Cap Emergency Services College! **Tuition will be waived for Instructors and Seniors attending who drive at least 4 Cadets to the activity.**

For more info, visit www.mnwg.cap.gov/redwing/bc , e-mail v.eckhoff@mcfcannon.com or mail Black-Cap, PO Box 94, Red Wing, MN 55066

Due to training and location planning, we are requesting that all members register in advance for this activity. Please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it to Major Vicki Eckhoff at PO Box 94 Red Wing Minnesota 55066 no later than Friday, March 28, 2003.

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.

- 2 March 2003 Regular Meeting
Uniform: BDU's
(bring tennis shoes)
**Physical Fitness Training
Drill & Ceremonies**
- 13 March 2003 Regular Meeting
Uniform: BDU's
**Emergency Services
Emergency Services**
- 20 March 2003 Regular Meeting
Uniform: Blues
**Moral Leadership
Testing/Drill & Ceremonies**
- 27 March 2003 Regular Meeting
Uniform: Blues
**Aerospace Education
Leadership Class**

March 15-16 **Encampment Preparatory
School Sat 8am – Sun 1pm**

Cadets from all over the Wing will be attending an Encampment Preparatory School (EPS) at the Red Wing Facilities. The EPS is an opportunity for young cadets to get a taste of what Encampment will be like. There is A LOT of training to be done in a very short time, but it will be worth it to have cadets, even in our squadron, ready to take the Encampment Challenge.

April 5 **Staff Meeting 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 11-15 **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**

Garage 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.

Upcoming Activities

March 1 **Staff Meeting 10-Noon**

All Cadet Staff Members should plan on being present at this meeting. There will be leadership training offered, as well as going over the planned schedule for the next few months.

March 1 **Hangar Cleanup 10am - 7pm
Pizza/Bowling Party**

Red Wing Cadets along with cadets from other squadrons throughout the wing will spend a good part of the day cleaning up Wing Supply (all those piles of uniforms). Those that volunteer will be eligible for a Pizza and Bowling Party at the cost of approximately \$10 per cadet. I also have it on good authority that there is a special surprise waiting at the hangar for those who help.



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Cadet Goals

I made a promise at the Awards Gathering last month, and I intend to keep it. I said that the cadet goals would be published in this month's newsletter. Well, here they are:

Short Term Goals

- To encourage and increase squadron cadet promotions.
- to increase productivity and training opportunities
- to use discipline to increase excellence and integrity



Long Term Goals

- Squadron of the year / Unit Citation
- Growth – Recruitment and Retention
- Improvement of members education

Cadet Goals for Seniors

- More use of Customs and Courtesies
- More Senior Member participation in formations
- More Seniors in uniform
- More Senior support of the Cadet Program
 - Attending more meetings
 - Class participation
 - Activity support and participation



Dear Mom and Dad,

The activity season is gearing up once again. While I don't expect every cadet to attend every activity, the ability of your cadet to make it to at least one activity per month will greatly improve his/her chances of success in the program. There will be leadership, emergency services, and aerospace activities throughout the next few months.

We are currently planning a cadet camping trip, several trips to airshows, as well as several Emergency Services activities. The newsletters are the BEST place to get information about upcoming activities. We are trying to put each newsletter on the internet, but sometimes fall behind. Try to remind your cadet to pick up a hard copy of the newsletter at the hangar so that you can keep up-to-date with everything that is going on.

If your cadet ever wants to attend an activity, make sure that you sign a permission slip before you drop them off. If your cadet did not bring one home, they are always available at the hangar.

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!!