



The Viking Voice

Squadron of Merit and Unit of the Year 2000

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Viking Cadets Head to UND

Article by 1LT Al Matson

Two Viking Squadron members are heading to the University of North Dakota this fall. C/1LT Tim Merhar and C/SSgt Tom Wray have both been accepted in the highly regarded aviation school.

The John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences is the second largest college at the University of North Dakota. Undergraduate and graduate programs leading to a variety of careers in aerospace are offered through four different academic departments: aviation, atmospheric sciences, computer science and space studies. The UND Aerospace training complex is one of the most technologically advanced environments for aerospace education, training and research in the world.

All of us at Viking wish Merhar and Wray the very best, and hope

they come to a meeting night in the future to tell us all about their experience at UND.

Learn more about UND at:

<http://www.aero.und.edu/index.php3>

Member Recognition

Once a year members of Viking vote to give special recognition to squadron members, and others, that have made outstanding contributions to our success as a squadron. The votes are in:

Senior Member of the Year: Capt. Joan Kistner
Cadet NCO of the Year: C/CMSgt Nate Dorr
Cadet Airman of the Year: C/A1C Stevi Erickson
Parent of the Year: Mrs. Gretchen Dorr
Cadet of the Quarter: C/SrAmn Jason Suby

Certificates of Appreciation to Wing Staff were given to:

1LT Al Pabon, Wing Public Affairs Officer
MAJ Wayne Sherman, Wing Comm Officer

CAP KUDOS

Recent Promotions

MAJ Ray Otto
C/CMSgt Nate Dorr
C/MSgt Brett Stadsklev
C/TSgt Kalli Erickson
C/SrAmn Jeff Suby
C/Amn Caitlyn Mowatt
C/Amn Chris Schaitberger

Recent Qualifications

1LT Rich Dalquist, GTL
1LT Ronn Winkler, Observer
2LT Jeff Cahn, Scanner

New Members

SM Arthur Carlson
C/B Gavin Baily
C/B Andrew Deckenbach
C/B Dylan Vashro
C/B Kiersten Callis
C/B Sam Peplin

If anyone was missed please alert 1LT Al Matson for inclusion in next month's *Viking Voice*.

We welcome you to submit articles for inclusion in the *Viking Voice*. You may submit them via e-mail to:

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Dates to Remember:

23-25 Aug 02 – Wing SAREX: Group 3 in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard will conduct exercises to improve joint efforts.

17 Sep 02 – 55 year anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Air Force



Viking Earns General Carl A. Spaatz Award

Article by: Shannon Bauer, Maj.

I am extremely proud and happy -- okay, ecstatic -- to announce that 1st Lt. Rachel Davis of Viking Composite Squadron has earned the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award, the highest cadet achievement in Civil Air Patrol.

Davis, who took this test two years ago, thought she missed it by 1.07 percent, attaining the score of 78.3. National Headquarters CAP recently discovered a discrepancy with one of the answer keys used to correct the leadership portion of the Spaatz Award examination. For two questions, on CAPT 68-1, the answer key was incorrect. Upon an audit of all Spaatz examinations administered during the past three years, it was discovered that Davis, along with one other cadet, passed the leadership exam with a grade of 80 percent.

The General Carl A. Spaatz Award, Civil Air Patrol's highest cadet award, has existed since 1964. The award honors the late General Carl A. Spaatz, who became the first U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff on Sept. 26, 1947. General Spaatz (pronounced "spots") was also CAP's first National Board Chairman, a position he held from May 26, 1948, to April 27, 1959.

To understand the prestigiousness of this award, less than one percent of all cadets ever achieve it. Davis will be one of less than 1,500 cadets to have earned it since 1964. On average, there are usually around 26,000 cadets in Civil Air Patrol at any one time. Only 24 Minnesota cadets have ever received the Spaatz; Davis will be number 25.

Please join me in congratulating Lt. (soon-to-be captain) Davis. We will plan a BIG party for her soon!!! :)



General Carl A. Spaatz

Viking Squadron August Calendar

6 AUGUST 2002 -- MEETING

U of D: BDUs

Location: BCC

Schedule:

1900 hours: Cadet Flights: Cadet Physical Fitness Testing (Cadets should wear tennis shoes and may wear BDUs or shorts.) Will delegate two SM testing monitors that night.

Senior Flight: Staff Meeting/Lt. Col. Uhlig

Cadet Tango and Senior Training flights: Obtain new uniforms if needed, and if Kidambi's home/Brady and Kidambi

Visitors: Newcomers Briefing/Maj. K. Bauer

2000 hours: Testing/Capt. Sroka

Viking Color Guard Practice/Russell

All Others/Flight Time

10 AUGUST 2002 -- SATURDAY ACTIVITY

Lindbergh 75th Anniversary Celebration at Little Falls, MN.

POCs: 1st Lt. Al Matson and Capt. D. Otto. AC going to this activity and not either of the SARs that day.

10 AUGUST 2002 -- AF EVAL SAR of MN WING

Viking Squadron members have been requested to participate in this activity. However, since it was only two days ago, I told the wing es director that we already had plans this weekend (Lindbergh festival). Vikings may participate as individuals, however, providing they are fully qualified in the specialty they are participating in. This eval will be at the Red Wing Squadron hanger.

10-11 AUGUST 2002 -- MN WING SAR.

Viking Squadron members who aren't going to the Lindbergh celebration and want to go to a SAR -- but aren't fully trained and can't participate in the eval -- can attend this SAR as individuals if so desired. This SAR will be located at the Crow Wing County Squadron in Brainerd, Minn.

13 AUGUST 2002 -- MEETING

U of D: Class As (Blues with service coat and tie, if you have one. If you don't have the coat, at least wear a tie/female equivalent.)

Location: BCC

Schedule: *1900 hours:*

Cadet Alpha Flight: Moral Leadership/Dull

Senior Flight: Aerospace Education

Cadet Tango Flight: Uniform Class/Russell

Senior Training Flight: Uniform Class/Uhlig

2000 hours: Flight Time

2030 hours: Congressman Mark Kennedy, MN 2nd District, will attend our meeting to present the Congressional Award - Bronze Medal to C/Capt. Ben Banwart. We will have goodies to celebrate with Ben.

20 AUGUST 2002 -- MEETING

U of D: BDUs

Location: BCC

Schedule:

1900 hours: All: Safety/1st Lt. D. Rutt

1915 hours: Senior Flight: Operations Meeting/1st Lt. Dalquist & Pilots Safety Meeting/Capt. Delegard

Cadet Flight: Aerospace Education/Capt. D. Otto

Cadet Tango & Senior Training flights: General ES Test/Halweg

Visitors: Newcomers Briefing/Maj. K. Bauer

2000 hours: Testing/Capt. Sroka

Viking Color Guard Practice/2nd Lt. Russell

All Others/Flight Time

24-25 AUGUST 2002 -- MN WING SAR

North Hennepin Squadron, Crystal Airport. Viking will participate as a group. We will take both the van and the AC.

27 AUGUST 2002 -- MEETING

U of D: BDUs

Location: BCC

Schedule: All Members: Emergency Services Competition/Uhlig

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August Birthdays!!

MAJ Ray Otto
CAPT Duane Delegard
2LT Tom Minnich
SM Arthur Carlson
C/B Stephanie Bartholow
C/B Kiersten Callis



If we missed listing you or we listed you incorrectly, please contact 1LT Al Matson to update the roster.