

# The Viking Voice

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### ***Cap Kudos*** ***Wings:***

Lt. Col. Paul Thompson

### ***Leadership Ribbons:***

1st Lt. Ronn Winkler  
2nd Lt. Pam Russell

### ***Membership Ribbon:***

Maj. Brent Halweg

### ***101 Qualifications:***

1st Lt. Dave Rutt, Ground Team  
Leader  
1st Lt. Ronn Winkler, Observer

### ***Recent Promotions***

1st Lt. Mark Helseth  
1st Lt. Bob Leslie  
1st Lt. Scott Ziemer  
C/Tech. Sgt. Paul Wellumson  
C/Staff Sgt. Jason Suby  
C/Airman 1st Class Kelly Collins  
C/Airman Gavin Bailey  
C/Airman Josh Waddell

### ***New Members***

Major Brent Halweg  
SM Robert Miles

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## Viking Squadron gets new chief

1st Lt. Al Matson assumed command of Viking Composite Squadron Feb. 18. He replaced Maj. Shannon Bauer, who served in this position since October 1999.

A member of Viking Squadron and Civil Air Patrol since September 2000, Matson has previously held the unit positions of deputy commander for seniors, executive officer and aerospace education officer for cadets.

Matson's emergency services qualifications include mission pilot, observer, scanner, information officer, ground team leader and ground team member. In June 2001, he was selected as the Viking Squadron Senior Member of the Year, and in May 2002, he was selected as the Minnesota Wing Aerospace Education Officer of the Year.

Article submitted by Major S. Bauer



Lt. Matson taking over the reigns

## Important Dates

- March 8: First Aid Course- To Be determined  
March 29-30: Ground Team Leader training course- Crystal Airport

## Captain Delegard promoted to MAJOR!!!!

Maj. Duane Delegard received his recent promotion late January. He has been in Viking Squadron since 1992. He entered the Civil Air Patrol as a captain since he was a licensed certified flight instructor. He has been serving as the safety officer for the last six years. Previously, he served as the unit's deputy commander for seniors. He is a CFII and CAP stan/eval pilot.

-Maj. S. Bauer



Capt. Delegard receiving his Major epaulets

## Vikings bring home a trophy

The Viking 'Platypi' placed second in the annual Minnesota Wing Volleyball Competition in St. Cloud, Minn., Feb. 18.



More than 100 cadets from throughout the wing participated in the event. Additionally, most stayed for an overnight lock-in at the St. Cloud State University Field House.

Viking volleyball participants included C/1st Lt. Andrew Atkins, C/1st Lt. Nate Dorr, C/ Master Sgt. Brian Rutt, C/ Airman 1st Class Kelly Collins,

C/Airman Caitlyn Mowatt, C/ Airman Basic Julie Crevier and C/Airman Basic Tyler Steege. Maj. Shannon Bauer and Capt. Joan Kistner served as the Viking chaperones.

- Maj. S. Bauer



# Viking Squadron Meetings

## 4 MARCH 2003 MEETING:

We will meet in room **N023** on the lower level this week. Enter the building at the usual entrance and you will be directed to the correct room.

Uniform of the Day: BDUs/Flight Suits

Schedule:

**1800 hours:**

Viking Color Guard Members Only/Color Guard Practice/Lt. Russell

**1900 hours:**

Senior Flight/Staff Meeting/Lt. Matson  
Senior Training Flight/Chain of Command Structure/LTC Uhlig

Cadet Alpha Flight/ Aerospace Education/Lt. Scribner

Cadet Tango Flight/Uniforms/Lt. Russell

**2000 hours:**

Seniors: Cadet Orientation Flight Procedures Review/Flight Time

Cadets: Testing/Capt. Sroka & SM Collins

## 11 MARCH 2003 MEETING:

Uniform of the Day: BDUs/Flight Suits

Schedule:

**1900 hours:**

All: Safety/Lt. Rutt

**1915 hours:**

Senior Flight and Cadet Alpha Flight/Emergency Services/Lt. Winkler

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** If you have a ground team member pack, bring it to this meeting

Senior Training and Cadet Tango Flight/Gen ES/  
Maj. Halweg

**2000 hours:**

Flight Time

Promotion Boards/Maj. Stadskev

## 18 MARCH 2003 MEETING:

Uniform of the Day: BDUs/Flight Suits

Schedule:

**1800 hours:**

Viking Color Guard Members Only/Color Guard Practice/Lt. Russell

**1900 hours:**

Senior Flight/Pilot's Safety and Operations Meeting/

Maj. Delegard & Capt. Dalquist

Cadet Alpha Flights/Aerospace Education/Lt. Scribner

Senior Training Flight/Customs and Courtesies/LTC Uhlig

Cadet Tango Flight/Customs and Courtesies/Lt. Russell

**2000 hours:**

Flight Time

Testing/Capt. Sroka & SM Collins

## 25 MARCH 2003 MEETING:

Uniform of the Day: Blues

Schedule:

**1900 Hours:**

Senior Flight/Aerospace Education/Lt. Scribner

Cadet Alpha Flight/Moral Leadership/Lt. Dull

Senior Training Flight/Basic Drill/LTC Uhlig

Cadet Tango Flight/Basic Drill/Cadet Leader

**2000 hours:**

Flight Time

Promotion Boards/Maj. Stadskev

# FEBRUARY SAREX A HIT!

The weekend of February 22-23 was a good time for members to sharpen and gain new skills in search and rescue operations.

We had three different squadrons represented. Viking, North Hennepin and the Fort Snelling squadrons. In all, I would say we had about 20 senior members along with 20 cadets. These numbers may be a little low since I did not get to count. Having never been involved in a SAREX before, I was very impressed with how everything was run and organized.

Along with the seniors getting a chance to sharpen their skills, we had cadets being utilized in all different functions. We had a couple cadets working the radios by communicating with the flight crews about the mission's progress. We also had cadets working on building their flight line marshalling skills, other cadets were working on building their ground support roles.

- 1st Lt. R. Leslie



C/Amn Caitlyn Mowatt waiting to answer the mission radio



Lt. Winkler Preparing for Ground Team Operations

Viking Composite Squadron meets at Grace Church in Eden Prairie rooms 150 and 154 Tuesday Evening from 7-9pm

If anything was missed please alert 1st Lt. Robert Leslie for inclusion in next month's *Viking Voice*.

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

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