

Chasing Perfection



Milwaukee Composite Squadron #5

2018

Introduction

The legendary Vince Lombardi said, "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

In 2018, Milwaukee Composite Squadron #5 was one of three units nationwide to be awarded the Unit Citation Award. Our Color Guard advanced from Wing to Region to the National Cadet Competition, placing third among 16 teams. We responded to an ELT search mission. Our Cyber Patriot Team competed, eventually placing second in the Platinum Round of the State All Service Division. We conducted the Wing's first Color Guard Clinic. And we were provided a second corporate van to support our activities...testimony to the confidence placed in our cadets and senior officers. Our members continue to chase perfection and are poised to respond to the call of our community, state and nation. The images on these pages show that pursuit.

--Stephen Michaels, Lt. Col., CAP



Unit Citation presentation (l to r): Lt. Col. D. Michaels, C/SrA I. Jimenez, C/MSgt. K. Budzisz, C/CMSgt. A. Ast, C/CMSgt. C. Nuss, C/2Lt. J. Teddy, Wing Commander Col. R. Hunt, Lt. Col. S. Michaels, 2Lt. J. Micheal, 1Lt. L. Tomaich, Lt. Col. C. Sims, and 1Lt. J. Correa.



Our Cyber Patriot Team (left): C/Capt. A. Stys, C/CMSgt. K. Budzisz, C/SrA A. Alcalá, C/A1C V. Loeder, and C/MSgt. T. Manzke

Our squadron was issued a 2018 Chevrolet 15-passenger van on March 31, 2018. Since then, it's conveyed our members to field trips, Summer Encampment and the National Cadet Competition. The squadron also has a 2013 Ford 12-passenger van.



HONORING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Our unit is committed to honoring our nation's veterans. For the fifth year, we helped Cudahy VFW Post 2895 with its annual poppy drive (lower right). Our cadets organized a memorial service for Gen. Billy Mitchell at Forest Home Cemetery, held May 23rd. Our cadets marched in both the Greendale Memorial Day Parade



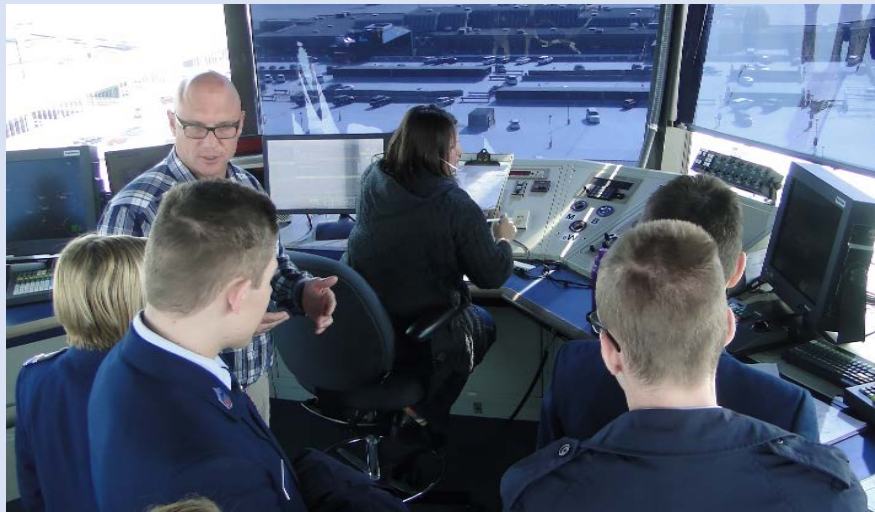
and Milwaukee's 55th annual Veterans Day Parades (above). We were joined by Timmerman, Walworth County, and Waukesha Composite Squadrons. We welcomed home WWII, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam War veterans from six Stars & Stripes Honor Flights (left). And we provided a color guard and wreath bearers for the Wreaths Across America program at Wood National Cemetery (lower left).



AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Our members gained an understanding of the complex forces that cause an aircraft to achieve lift, as well as navigation, engines, aerospace history and industry. In 2018, cadets and seniors enjoyed field trips to the Gen. Mitchell Field Control Tower (left) and the Waukegan Warbirds Museum (lower right) on April 2nd.

Flights are a regular part of the Cadet Program and are designed to give relatable experience to the cadet in the cockpit. Our cadets flew orientation flights in CAP aircraft at Summer Encampment, Aerospace Education Weekend and our Orientation Flight Day (middle left). Our efforts garnered the Aerospace Education Excellence Award.



C/Amn. Derek Zeng and C/A1C Joseph Duvall prior to their Orientation Flight (middle left). Model rocketry (above right) was one of the offerings at AE Weekend. C/CMSgt. Budzisz enjoys the IFLy indoor skydiving experience during a squadron field trip to Rosemont, Ill., on July 16th (lower left).

CADET PROGRAM



Cadet Program elements include Leadership, Aerospace Education, Character Development, Physical Fitness and relevant activities. Social events like the Wisconsin Wing Military Ball (upper left), provide a break from academics and structure. Additionally, our Cyber Patriot team has represented our unit in the Air Force Association sponsored competition. And our color guard has represented the unit at the Wisconsin Wing Conference, the Milwaukee Veterans Banquet & Ball, and the Holiday Folk Fair International on November 18th.



EMERGENCY SERVICES



Our cadets learned basic orienteering, compass work, air-ground coordination and survival skills at the squadron's annual winter ES Weekend (above right) and while at the Summer Encampment in June (right center). This would serve as a foundation, needed for ground search.

Likewise, our members maintained proficiency at the Wing Ground Team Academy (lower right).



Our unit searched for one ELT during a mission while on the way to AE Weekend on September 7th (above left).

Our cadets and seniors learned American Heart Association 1st Aid and CPR during a special class, taught by Lt. Col. Danielle Michaels at the Oak Creek Armory (left) on November 24th.



Summer Encampment



On June 23 – 30th, 26 cadets and six seniors attended Wis. Wing's Summer Encampment at Volk Field. The cadets experienced life at a military base, Air Force



traditions and careers. First year cadets developed teamwork and self-confidence:

C/TSgt. Manzke, T.	C/Amn. Blood, C.	C/Amn. Kochis, W.
C/SrA Jimenez, I.	C/Amn. Brellenthin, A.	C/Amn. Loeder, V.
C/A1C Cecchini, Z.	C/Amn. Chamberlain, M.	C/Amn. Marks, N
C/A1C Duvall, J.	C/Amn. Hildebrandt, R.	C/Amn. Zeng, Derrek
C/A1C Vallee, J.	.	C/Amn. Zeng, Devin

Returning for a second year, honing leadership skills at the Wisconsin Cadet Academy were:

C/MSgt. Budzisz, K.	C/MSgt. Snead, M.
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Serving on Cadet staff were:

C/Capt. Klotz, Z.	C/2Lt. Nuss, C.
C/1Lt. Stys, A.	C/2Lt. Teddy, J
C/1Lt. Thompson, S.	C/CSMgt. Bartoshevich
C/2Lt. Ast, A.	C/SMSgt. Mohillo, K.

Attending the Cadet Development Course were:

C/SrA Alcala, A.	C/A1C Jimenez, E.
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Serving on Senior Staff were:

Maj. Turdo, G.	Capt. Michalski, M.	1Lt. Correa, J.
Capt. Berez, L.	1Lt. Tomaich, L.	2Lt. Micheal, J.

C/Capt. Zachary Klotz, C/SrA Alcala received Commander's Commendations for their outstanding performance.



Recognition

In 2018, we welcomed the following to our unit: Chaplain Lt. Col. Marcia Strahl, Maj. Jeremy Konetz, S/M Richard Pretsch and Cadets Noah Beihoff, Cameron and Madaleine Blood, Emerald Cecchini (right), Matthew Chamberlain, Adriel Correa, Hunter Lackovic, Lucas Moore, Rae Morrison, Elaina Rautio, Daniela Rodriguez, Rachel Sepulveda, Genevieve Skibicki, Lydia Stys, Ethan Wenzel, Mason Yenter, and Devin Zeng.



The following received the Wright Bros. Award, completing the "Learning Phase" of the Cadet Program: C/MSgts. Isabel Jimenez (left) and Timothy Manzke, C/TSgt.

Christopher Hauser, C/SSgts. Zachary Cecchini, and Jordan Vallee.

C/1Lts. Austin Ast, Hannah Stys, and C/2Lt. Collin Nuss completed Phase II, the "Leadership Phase" and received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.

C/Capt. Alec Stys (right) received the Amelia Earhart Award, completing the Cadet Program's "Command Phase." His grandfather, Col. Lawrence Stys, made the presentation.



Senior Promotions & Awards

Capt. Gregory Turdo completed Level III of the senior program and received the Groever Loening Award. He was promoted to Major. Maj. Turdo, Capt. Linda Berez, 1Lt. Javier Correa and S/M Richard Pretsch all received the Gen. Charles "Chuck" Yeager Award, after passing a comprehensive aerospace exam.



Three officers received the CAP Achievement Award for their long term contributions to the squadron: Capt. Berez (Cyber Patriot), 1Lt. Javier Correa (Cyber Patriot, Supply, Online records), and 2Lt. Jon Micheal (Color Guard training).



Success Stories

Former Squadron 5 Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Brian Winski (lower left) was promoted to U.S. Army Major General on February 15, 2018. He was active in the early 1980s, before joining Army ROTC and attending UWM. On February 9, 2019, he assumed command of the 101st Airborne Division.

Col. Denese Helgeland (center) assumed command of Wisconsin Wing CAP on May 19, 2018. She served as Squadron 5's Commander from 1988 to 1992.



Former Squadron 5 C/2Lt. Lawrence Stys received his private pilot's license through CAP. Since then, he's flown thousands of hours and earned his CFII. He's taught at over 60 cadets at CAP Flight Academies and as private students. On December 5th, Col. Stys was recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration for 50 years of accident-free flying.

Honor Roll



C/Capt. Roman Ruud
AFA Class of 2018

C/2Lt. Sam Grayson
AFA Class of 2019

C/1Lt. Jordan Garivay
AFA Class of 2020

C/2Lt. Monte Koerner
AFA Class of 2020

C/Capt. Alec Stys
Nominated Class of '23

Former Cadets return as Guest Speakers



Mary Tessmer Lipinski, Registered Nurse



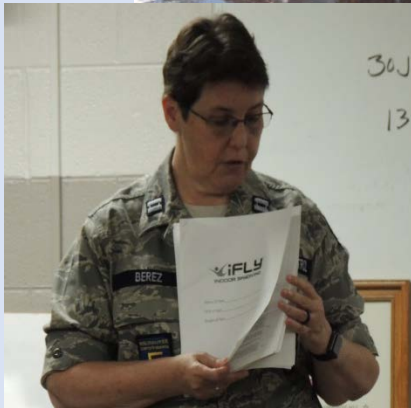
Dave Hansen, Author



Bob Sullivan, Law Enforcement Officer

Squadron Financing

Our Squadron undertakes an ambitious fund raising program each year. In 2018, this included working at Dan Jansen Fest and Divine Mercy Church Festival, marching in several parades, the final Boston Store coupon book sale, selling greenhouse gift cards, and poinsettias. Squadron grants funded Summer Encampment participation, National Cadet Special Activity scholarships, the squadron field trip, the IFLY indoor skydiving activity, color guard equipment and participation at several community events.



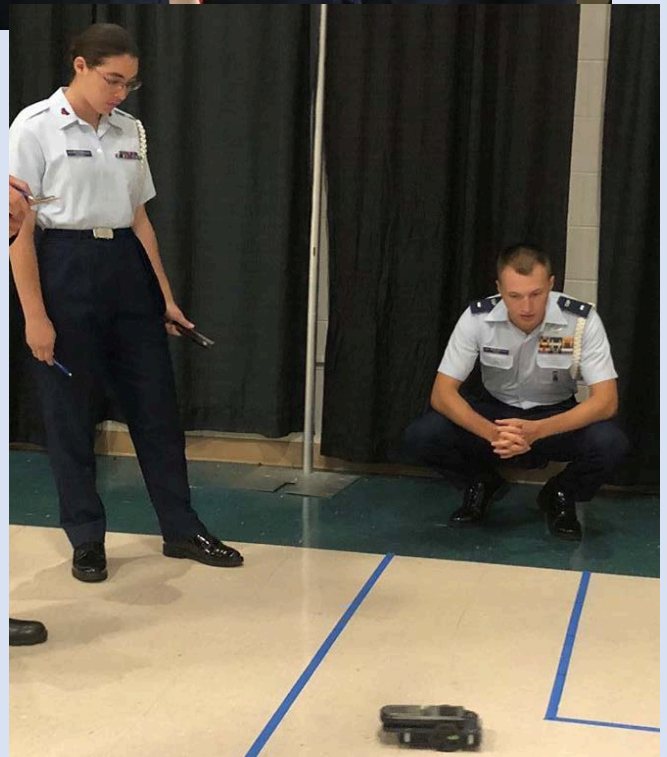
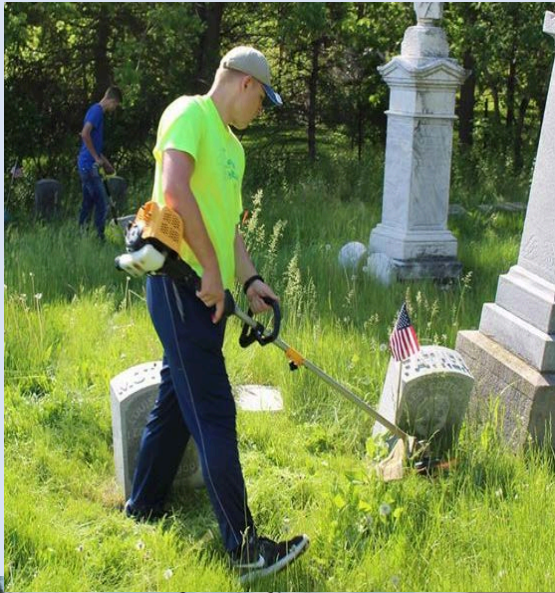
Squadron 5's many and varied activities would not be possible without the support of its dedicated senior officers and sponsor members, who ensure CAP's missions are accomplished. They provide the leadership necessary to move the unit forward. These include: Lt. Col. D. Michaels, Lt. Col. C. Sims, Lt. Col. J. Stys (lower right), Maj. J. Konetz, Maj. G. Turdo, Chaplain Capt. L. Berez (upper left), Capt. M. Michalski, 1Lt. J.



Correa, 1Lt. L. Tomaich (lower left), 2Lt. J. Micheal, S/M R. Pretsch (upper right) and CSM P. Snead (below).



Chasing Perfection: the 2018 Milwaukee Composite Squadron #5 Color Guard



Do these images look interesting?

Can you see yourself or someone you know, as part of Civil Air Patrol? You're always welcome to take a closer look. We meet Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm at the Army National Guard armory, 8520 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek, WI. Visit us on Facebook or email mke5cadets@gmail.com

