

# Milwaukee Composite Squadron #5



# ***2011***

***OH, WHAT A YEAR!***

In an organization as fast paced as Civil Air Patrol, we need to pause occasionally to look back at all our accomplishments. When we do, it's amazing to see how hard we work and how successful we are. This annual review recounts the highlights of the past year and features some of the people who made Squadron 5 great—and it's dedicated to all members who, in 2011, did their best to be the best.

## HONORING THOSE IN SERVICE



This year, our unit continued its commitment of honoring our nation's veterans. We cleaned up the Historic Soldiers Home District, in anticipation of the annual Reclaiming Our Heritage Event. At the event, we provided First Aid and traffic control.

Our Cadets marched in both the South Milwaukee Memorial Day, Reclaiming Our Heritage and Milwaukee's 48<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day parades. Timmerman and Waukesha Composite Squadrons marched with us (above).

Each December, we host the national Wreaths Across America program at Wood National Cemetery (right).

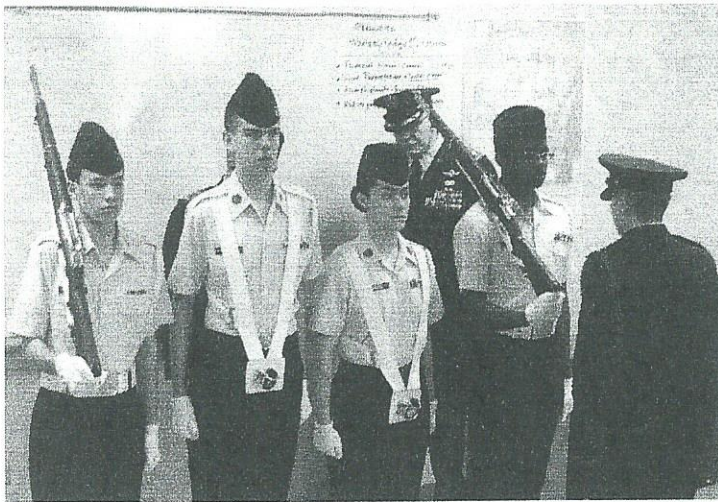


During our May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, we visited Arlington Park Cemetery to pay tribute to USAF Capt. Lance Sijan, who was shot down over Vietnam and held as a POW. The Cadets organized a special ceremony (left) in which all took part.



### On the Cover

Cadets Christian Tipton, Joseph Toepfer, Jeremy Marek, and Hope Acuna tour the Lockheed "Constellation" at the U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB in April. More inside.



## Cadet Program

### Color Guard Competition

Eager to demonstrate their aerospace knowledge, physical fitness and precision on the drill field, three color guards vied for the top spot at the Wis. Wing Competition, held March 24<sup>th</sup> in Appleton. Squadron 5's color guard placed first in the Written Test, Indoor and Outdoor Practical, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. The unit consisted of Cadets Zachary Marek, Adam Fleming, Crystal Staszak, Chinedu Ozodi (at left) and Hope Acuna (alternate, not shown). Members and escorts received the CAP Achievement ribbon.

### Summer Encampment

On June 28- July 4, five cadets and two seniors attended the Illinois Summer Encampment at Camp Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois. The cadets were exposed to Air Force values and traditions. First year cadets develop teamwork and self-confidence. Cadets returning for a second year have an opportunity to hone leadership skills. Cadets Hope Acuna, Anthony Albright and Garrett Reeves attended the 1<sup>st</sup> year program while Cadets Samantha Albright and Karina Popek attended the Advanced Training Squadron (2<sup>nd</sup> yr program). Lt. Col. S. Michaels served as a Tactical Officer and 2Lt. Turdo served as Transportation Officer.



C/AIC Karina Popek (right) aligns her flight.



First year Cadets march from the outdoor rocketry class.

### Aerospace Education

Our members gain an understanding of the complex forces that cause an aircraft to achieve lift, as well as navigation, engines and aerospace history and industry.

### Road Trips

At our March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, the unit visited Gen. Mitchell International Airport's Terminal and learned about airport operations and the TSAs role in ensuring safe travel (right). Up until last year, Squadron #5 met at the airport.



During spring break, thirteen cadets and four seniors traveled to Dayton, Ohio, to visit the U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB. During the 2 ½ day visit, they tried to see most of the more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles on the museum's 17-acre campus, the nearby Wright Bros. Memorial and the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center.



Above, at the 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force Memorial are Cadets Xavier Correa, Samantha Albright, Christopher & Danielle Sorenson, Karina Popek, Christian Tipton, Jeremy Marek, Hope Acuna, Jasmine Grant, Zachary Marek, Anthony Albright, Garrett Reeves and Joseph Toepfer, They were accompanied by Lt. Cols. Danielle & Stephen Michaels, Julie Sorenson and 2Lt. Gregory Turdo. The trip was funded in part by the Air Force Assoc.

### **Orientation Flights**

Flights are a regular part of the Cadet Program and are designed to give relatable experience to the cadet in the cockpit.



Orientation Flights in CAP aircraft were provided to our cadets in July, at the AE Weekend in September and in December (upper left). Shown are Aaron and Erik Frey, and Jeremy and Zachary Marek. In December, some flew in the KC-135 simulator (upper right) at the 128<sup>th</sup> ANG base.

### **SAFETY VISIT**

At our October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, our unit visited the State Traffic Operations Center in downtown Milwaukee. The STOC is responsible for promoting safe use of the state's highways, by providing appropriate signing, camera monitoring and timely reporting of hazardous situations.

## Emergency Services



SE Group Practice Mission

Our squadron trained in first aid and disaster relief, participating in three practice search and rescue missions and two actual missions in 2011. Fortunately, we located one aircraft in its Oconomowoc hangar. The other mission was during the EAA Airventure. Participants received their SAR ribbons. Our personnel worked as radio operators, ground team members and staff assistants during these missions. This year, Lt. Col. Stys received her CAP Observer wings.

At left, our team members practice 1<sup>st</sup> Aid techniques on a "victim."

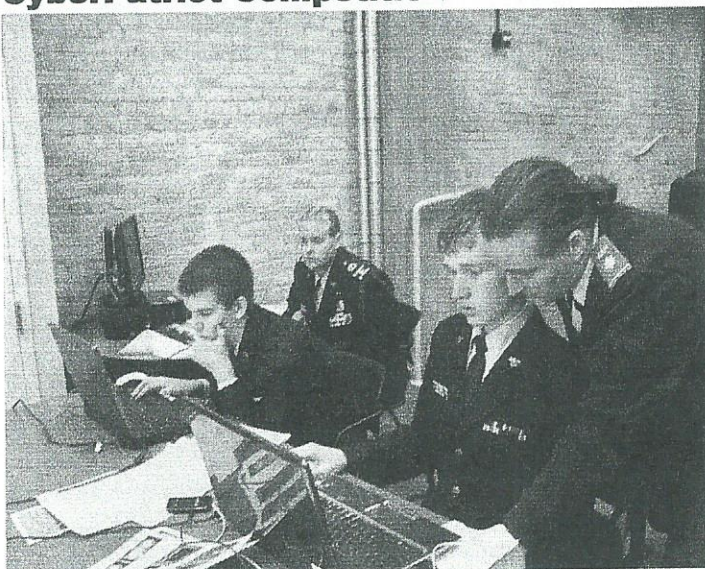
Below, everyone learns at the October ES Training Weekend.



Unit Training Weekend



## CyberPatriot Competition



C/CMSgt. Adam Fleming, C/2Lt. Shelby Heberling and C/SrA Chris Sorenson compete while Lt. Col. Sorenson looks on.

The Air Force Association's CyberPatriot III, the nation's largest high school cyber defense competition, was held this past Fall and Sqdn. 5's team made it through the second round.

CyberPatriot was created in 2008 as a unique competition geared toward teenagers, that replicates real-life cyber security situations faced by computer administrators. It provides hands-on learning about cyber security while inspiring, educating and motivating them to be the nation's next cyber defenders. The CyberPatriot teams defend their computers and networks from attempted intrusions that could include spam, phishing and other malicious attacks.

Throughout the preliminary rounds, participants competed online with software provided by CyberPatriot. Students downloaded simulated systems that were preconfigured with weaknesses, leaving them responsible for securing networks.



## Spreading the Word

Our cadets and seniors regularly talk "Aviation & CAP" in our local communities. The Oak Creek School District Career Day (at left, with Lt. Col. Jo Stys and C/TSgt. Correa), the Gifted & Talented Opportunity Fair, the Greenfield High School JROTC briefing, and our Open House are excellent occasions to tell our story. Our color guard has performed at Union Grove High School and the Holiday Folk Fair.

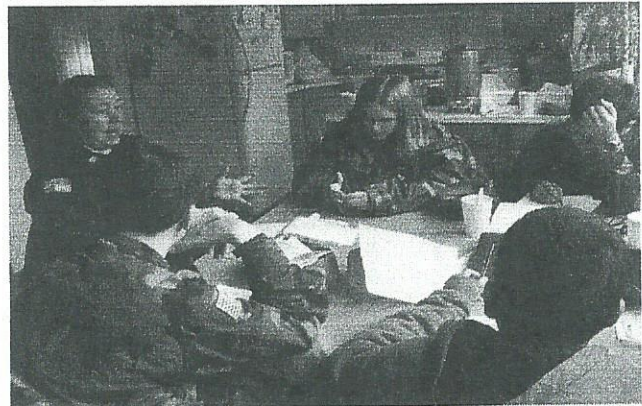
Do you know someone who might be interested in Civil Air Patrol? We meet on Thursday evenings, at 6:30pm at the Army National Guard Armory, 8520 S. Howell Avenue, Oak Creek.

## Senior Support

Squadron 5's many and varied activities would not be possible without the support of its adult leaders (senior officers). Their guidance, instruction and participation are essential. Our senior staff includes Lt. Cols. Danielle & Steve Michaels, Carol Sims, Julie Sorenson, and Jo Stys, Majors Roy Seymer and Sylvester Sims, Captains Glen Hutchison, Allison Graff and Tony Woppert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants. Noel Garza and Greg Turdo, Tech. Flt. Officer Trevor Blackstone and Senior Member Mark Digman.



2Lt. Turdo checks the readiness of a CAP vehicle.



Lt. Col. Danielle Michaels teaches problem solving.

In 2011, Lt. Col. D. Michaels completed the Wing's Ground Team Academy. 2Lt. Turdo graduated from Squadron Leadership School (SLS) and Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) residency courses.

## *The Captain Becomes a Misses*

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Capt. Allison Michaels married Eric Graff. C/1Lt. Michael Leggett, C/MSgt. Chinedu Ozodi, C/SMSgt. Christian Tipton, C/SrA Samantha and C/AIC Anthony Albright, and C/CMSgt. Adam Fleming (at right) served as saber guards during the recessional. C/2Lt. Roman Ruud served as an usher. Capt. Graff is the daughter of Lt. Cols. Danielle and Steve Michaels and is a former Squadron 5 cadet officer. She was appointed our Deputy Commander of Cadets in August.



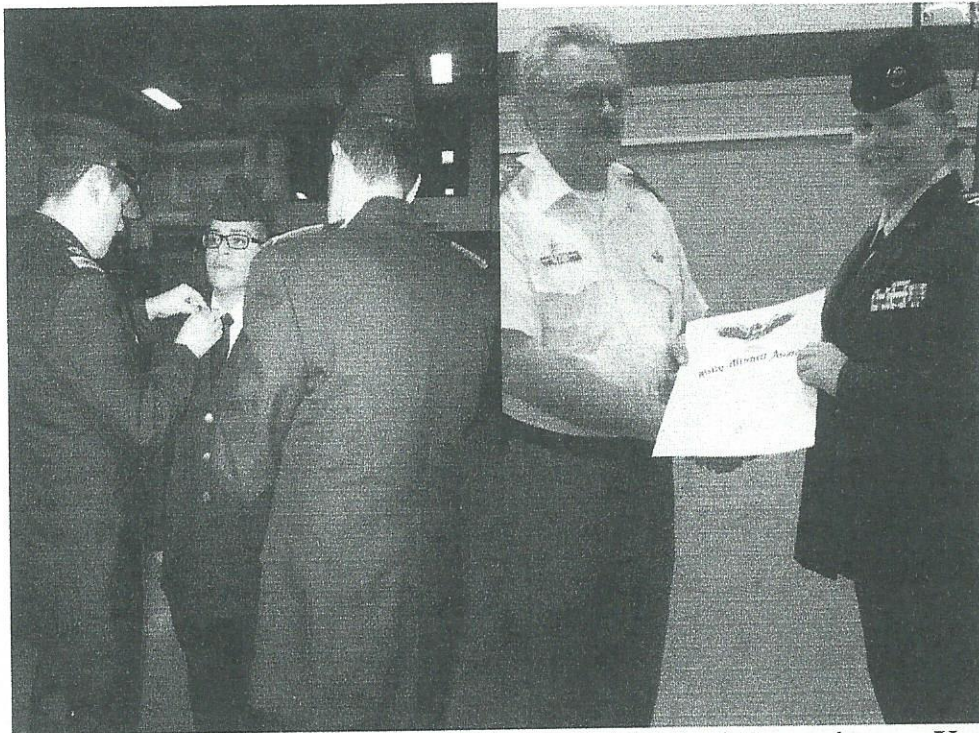
## Funding

Maintaining any level of activity takes money. In 2011, Cadet and Senior fundraising efforts included selling Boston Store coupon books, (January-March, October-December), providing 1<sup>st</sup> aid and traffic control at the New Berlin Snowmobile races (January), Dan Jansen Fest (May), South Shore Frolics (July), Divine Mercy Church Festival, and Hunting Dog Competition (August).

## Recognition

### *On Their Way*

The following received their Wright Brothers Awards, completing the Learning Phase of the Cadet Program: C/TSgt. Xavier Correa, C/TSgt. Jasmine Grant, and C/TSgt. Zachary Popek



C/2Lt. Roman Ruud and Lt. Col. S. Michaels pinned C/SSgt. stripes on Xavier Correa (upper left). He subsequently received the Wright Bros. Award, completing the "Learning Phase" of the Cadet Program.

Lt. Col. Dean Klassey presented the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to C/1Lt. Shelby Heberling (upper center) upon her completion of Phase II, the "Leadership Phase" of the Cadet Program.

C/MSgt. Crystal Staszak (upper right) received the Air Force Association Award and accepted an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy early in 2011. She and her family were honored by a Squadron Dining Out Exercise at our June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In spring, C/2Lt. Michael Leggett was recognized as the Squadron's 2010 Cadet of the Year and Lt. Col. Danielle Michaels as Senior of the Year. Leggett became Cadet Commander at our December 22<sup>nd</sup> Open house.

In 2011, the following were promoted to: 2Lt. Noel Garza, 2Lt. Gregory Turdo, SFO Trevor Blackstone

## WELCOME!

The following were welcomed into our unit this past year:

2Lt. Gregory Turdo and TFO Trevor Blackstone

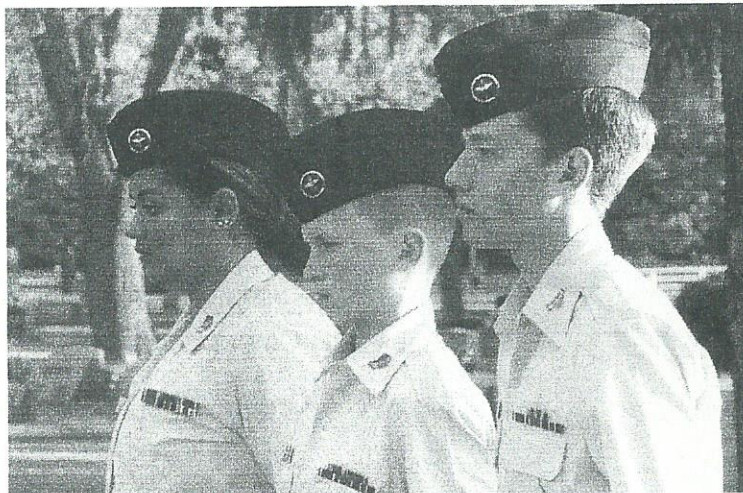
Cadets Javier Correa, Jr., Aaron and Erick Frey, Samuel Grayson, Derek Kowalski, Warren Litza, Shawn Mallon, Jon Micheal, Julian Moreno-Johns, Charles Pond, and Leanza Rakowski

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## What's Coming Up in 2012?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
26 Jan	Wisconsin Wing Safety Down Day	TBA
29 Jan	Snowmobile Races (parking)*	New Berlin
10-12 Feb	SE Group Cadet Officers School (C/SSgt. and above)	Nat. Guard Armory, Racine
24-26 Feb	Wisconsin Wing Cadet Competition	Volk Field ANG Base
TBA	Boston Store Coupon Sales*	Southridge
8 Apr	Easter	
14 Apr	Wisconsin Wing Military Ball	War Memorial, Milwaukee
27-29 Apr	Wisconsin Wing Conference	Brookfield
	Great Lakes Region Cadet Competition	Camp Lincoln, Springfield, IL
7 May	Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI)	Oak Creek Armory
12-13 May	128 <sup>th</sup> ANG Open House	Mitchell Field
26-27 May	Dan Jansen Fest*	Greenfield
28 May	Memorial Day Parade	South Milwaukee
2-3 Jun	Reclaiming Our Heritage	Zablocki VA grounds
8-10 Jun	Wisconsin Wing SAR/DR Eval	TBA
28 Jun-6 Jul	Wisconsin Wing Summer Encampment	Volk Field ANG Base
4 Jul	Independence Day	
14 Jul	South Shore Frolics Parade*	Bay View
23-29 Jul	EAA Airventure 2012	Wittman Field, Oshkosh
4-5 Aug	Divine Mercy Church Festival*	South Milwaukee
26 Aug	SE Group Cadet Exercise (CADEX)	Kettle Moraine Campgrounds
1 Sep	St. Francis Days Parade*	St. Francis
3 Sep	Labor Day	
8-9 Sep	Aerospace Education (AE) Weekend	Wittman Field, Oshkosh
TBA	Boston Store Coupon Sales*	Southridge
10 Nov	Veterans Day Parade	Downtown Milwaukee
22 Nov	Thanksgiving	
8 Dec	Wreaths Across America	Wood National Cemetery
25 Dec	Christmas	

\*Paid events



### Where are you going?

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