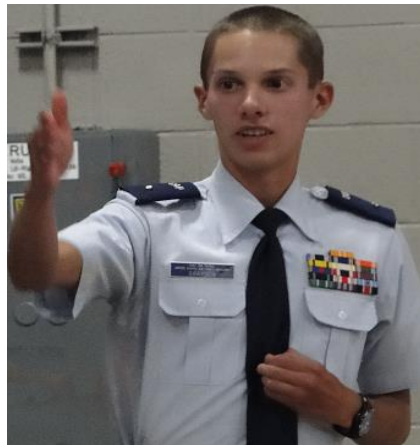




The Very Best of Us



2014



Milwaukee Composite Squadron #5



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 2014, did their best to be the best.

Honoring Our Nation's Veterans

Our unit is committed to honoring our nation's veterans. For the second year, we helped Cudahy VFW Post 2895 with its poppy drive. Our cadets marched in both the Greendale Memorial Day Parade and Milwaukee's 51st annual Veterans Day Parades. Timmerman Comp. Sqdn. marched with us (below left).

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



On the Cover: (Clockwise from top) C/CMSgt. Samantha Albright administers 1st Aid during the South Shore Frolics, our Color Guard and Drill Teams pose with their trophies and escorts at the Great Lakes Region Competition in Springfield, Ill., C/CMSgt. Jon Micheal escorts C/TSgt. Sophie Thompson during the Wisconsin Wing Military Ball, C/2Lt. Sam Grayson addresses the Sqdn. during its Dining Out exercise, Capt. Greg Turdo poses with Col. Clarence Peters (WI Wg.Cmdr.) after being named Wing Logistics Officer of the Year, and members visit the Warbird Museum in Waukegan, Ill., during the unit's annual trip.



C/MSgt. Hannah Dix escorts Mr. Scott Gilbert during the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony.



Our cadets organized a memorial service for Michelle Wittmer at Wood National Cemetery, held May 22nd.

Voices from the Past



Our past is never far behind us. Our guest speakers this year included three former cadets: MPD Sergeant Gregory Duran, Col. Christopher Charney, USAF, and Lt. Col. Steven Waite, CAP Retired.

CADET PROGRAM



The Cadet Program includes elements of Leadership, Aerospace Education, Character Development, Physical Fitness and meaningful Activities. Squadron 5's training schedule reflects the emphasis placed on each of these.

Additionally, in 2014, our cadets, formed both a color guard and drill team, practiced, and competed in each of these elements at the Wing and Region levels. Both teams placed first at the Wing Cadet Competition, held March 29th at the West Bend armory. Our color guard placed second and our drill team, first, at the Region Cadet Competition, held May 31-June 1 at Camp Lincoln, Springfield, Ill.

National Cadet Special Activities

The following participated in the activities indicated:

C/2Lt. Xavier Correa—Engineering Academy at Auburn, Ala.

C/2Lt. Jordan Garivay—Hawk Mountain Search & Rescue School at Kempton, Penn.

C/2Lt. Samuel Grayson—Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course at Columbus AFB, Miss.

C/CMSgt. Samuel Luebbe—National Emergency Services Academy (NESA) at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

C/SMSgt. Monte Koerner, III---Cadet Powered Flight Encampment at Oshkosh, Wis. and NESA

C/SMSgt. Chris Sorenson—Lt. Col. Raymond J. Johnson Flight Academy at Mattoon, Ill.





Summer Encampment

On June 29 – July 4th, 19 cadets and six seniors attended Wis. Wing’s Summer Encampment at Colk Field. The cadets experienced life at a military base, Air Force traditions and careers. First year cadets developed teamwork and self-confidence:

C/A1C Ast, Austin
 C/Amn. Evans, Noah
 C/Amn. Lee, Brendan
 C/A1C Stys, Alec
 C/SrA Tompson, Sophie
 C/SSgt. Willan, Michael

Returning for a second year, honing leadership skills at the Wisconsin Cadet Academy were:
 C/CMSgt. Garivay, Jordan

C/SSgt. Kisley, Connor
 C/SMSgt. Koerner, Monte
 C/CMSgt. Luebbe, Samuel

Nine of our cadets served on cadet staff:

C/2Lt. Correa, Xavier
 C/2Lt. Fleming, Adam
 C/2Lt. Grayson, Samuel
 C/2Lt. Marek, Zachary
 C/CMSgt. Albright, Anthony
 C/CMSgt. Albright, Samantha

C/CMSgt. Micheal, Jon
 C/SMSgt. Marek, Jeremy
 C/MSgt. Albright, Victoria

Serving on senior Staff were:

Lt. Col. Michaels, Danielle
 Lt. Col. Michaels, Stephen
 Maj. Graff, Allison
 Capt. Turdo, Gregory
 1Lt. Correa, Javier
 1Lt. Michalski, Michelle



AEROSPACE EDUCATION



Cadets use a flight simulator STEM kit (above left) and later visit the Mitchell Field Control Tower training room (above right).

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 2014, cadets and seniors enjoyed visiting the field trips to the Mitchell Field Control Tower, the Warbird Museum in Waukegan, Illinois, and the UWM Planetarium.

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.

Our efforts garnered the Aerospace Education Excellence Award.

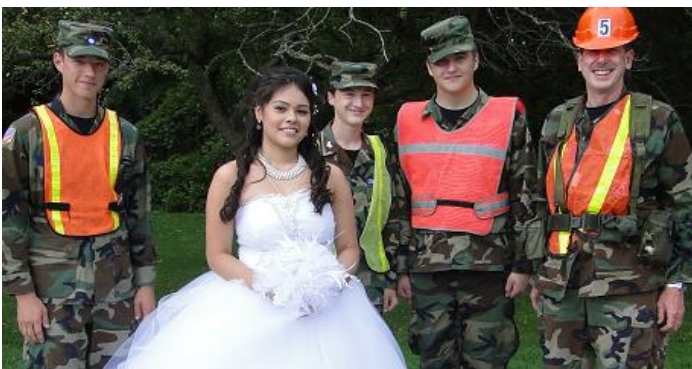


Cadets Hunter Lyda and Renee Walters are briefed by Lt. Col. Dean Dolence on preflight procedures before their first orientation flight (above left). Col. Lawrence Stys uses a paper airplane to demonstrate the fundamentals of flight to C/MSgt. Hannah Dix and C/MSgt. Michael Willan (above right).

EMERGENCY SERVICES



A class on using signal mirrors (above left) and search line practice (above right) during our ES Training Weekend on Sept. 20-21.



One ground team found someone they weren't looking for!

Once a cadet has attained their General ES rating, they are encouraged to participate in Squadron, Group, and Wing ES activities to advance their skills. Squadron ES classes are held as part of each quarter's training.

Our squadron trained in search and rescue techniques during its ES Training Weekend, 19-21 September. Competing requirements for Ground Team 1, 2, and 3 ratings, our members worked as radio operators, ground team members and staff assistants.

Additionally, four of our senior officers attended the Wing Ground Team Academy at Volk Field in February.



Lt. Michalski learns winter survival at the Ground Team Academy and cadets practice with the "Elper" during the ES Training Wknd.

Do these Images Look Interesting?

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

The Best Achieve

In 2014, we welcomed the following to membership in CAP and our unit:

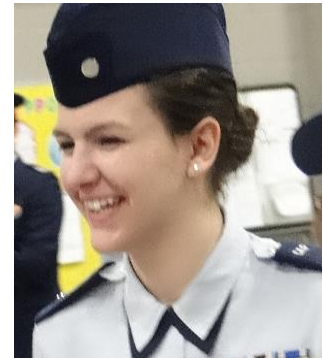
S/M Ruth Byron, Cadets Noah Evans, Michael Haley, Brendan Lee (near right), Hunter Lyda, Ryan Nettesheim, Colin Nuss, Zachary Perez, and Renee Walters.

The following received the Wright Brothers Award, completing the “Learning Phase” of the Cadet Program:

C/SSgt. Javier Correa (upper right), C/SMSGt. Connor Kisley, C/TSgt. Sophie Thompson, and C/MSgt. Michael Willan.

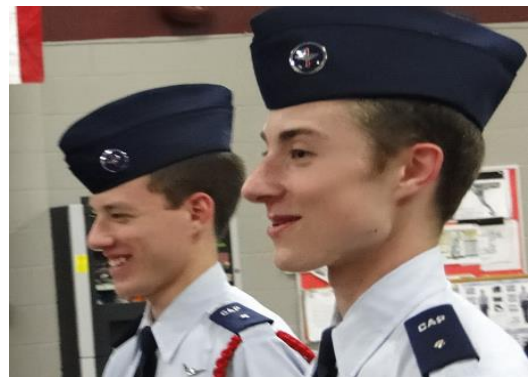
A record six cadets were promoted to C/2Lt. upon completion of Phase II, the “Leadership Phase” of the Cadet Program:

In 2014, then C/CMSgt. Zachary Klotz received the Air Force Association’s Outstanding Cadet NCO of the Year Award. C/2Lt. Samuel Grayson received the Air Force Association’s Award as an Outstanding CAP Cadet.



C/2Lt. Xavier Correa

C/2Lt. Samantha Albright



C/2Lt. Samuel Grayson

C/2Lt. Jordan Garivay

C/2Lt. Zachary Marek & C/2Lt. Zachary Klotz

The Best Seniors

Squadron 5’s many and varied activities would not be possible without the support of its dedicated senior officers. These fourteen ensure that the squadron’s members safely accomplish CAP’s missions. They provide the leadership necessary to move the unit forward.



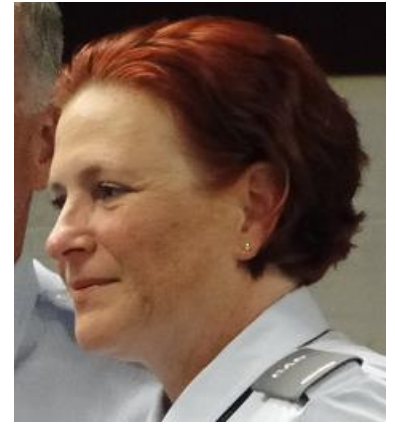
2Lt. Javier Correa was promoted to 1Lt. Both Chaplain Linda Berez and 1Lt. Greg Turdo were promoted to captain



Maj. Allison Graff



Lt. Col. Jo Stys



1Lt. Michelle Michalski

The Best Support

Bringing out the best can be costly. Therefore, our squadron embarks on an ambitious fund raising program each year.

In 2014, this included working at Dan Jansen Fest, Divine Mercy Church Festival, and South Shore Frolics (right). We participated in two Boston Store coupon booklet sales, sold greenhouse gift cards, wreaths, poinsettias, kringle and pizza. Grants funded Summer Encampment, National Special Activity scholarships, the squadron trip and participation in the Wing and Region Cadet Competitions.



Our parents, some of whom are Sponsor Members, provide much needed support for our activities. Shown representing our parents above are Mrs. Lisa and Mr. Michael Albright, Mrs. Mary Luebbe, and Mr. Tim and Mrs. Renee Marek.

Best of the Best

We remember those who've gone on to the service academies...



C/TSgt. Jane Paar USNA Class of 2012 C/Lt. Col. Josh Just USMMA Class of 2012 C/Lt. Col. Niko Ruud USAFA Class of 2014 C/MSgt. Crystal Staszak USAFA Class of 2015 C/Capt. Roman Ruud USAFA Class of 2018

We have not forgotten you...your active leadership has made us a better unit

What's Coming Up in 2015?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
January - February	Boston Store Coupon Sale	Southridge
5 February	Squadron Safety Down Day	NG Armory, Oak Creek
27 Feb-1 Mar	Ground Team Academy	Volk Field, Camp Douglas
28 February	CESA Opportunity Fair (recruiting)	M.L.K. High School
21 March	Encampment Cadet Staff Tryouts	Oshkosh
__ April	Squadron SUI	
5 April	Easter	
6-7 April	Squadron Trip	Wright Patterson AFB, OH
11-12 April	Wisconsin Wing Conference	Wisconsin Dells area
25 April	Wis. Wing Military Ball	Milwaukee War Memorial
__ May	VFW Poppy Event	Cudahy
__ May	Wis. Wg. SAR/DR Evaluation	TBA
22-24 May	Dan Jansen Fest	Konkel Park
25 May	Memorial Day Parade	Greendale
27 June- 4 July	WI Wg Summer Encampment	Volk Field, Camp Douglas
2 July	NO MEETING	
10-12 July	South Shore Frolics (Saturday Parade)	South Shore Park
21 July - 6 August	EAA Precautionary SAR	Oshkosh
25 July	South Milwaukee Heritage Parade	South Milwaukee
5 September	St. Francis Days Parade	St. Francis
12-13 September	AE Weekend	Wittman Field, Oshkosh
__ September	ES Training Weekend	NG Armory, Oak Creek
October - November	Boston Store Coupon Sales	Southridge
November	Wreath, Poinsettia, Pizza & Kringle sales	
7 November	Veterans Day Parade	Milwaukee
15 November	Holiday Folk Fair (color guard)	Milwaukee
26 November	Thanksgiving - NO MEETING	
28 November	Orientation Flight Day	Signature Flight Support
12 December	Wreaths Across America	Wood National Cemetery
17 December	Squadron 5 Open House	NG Armory, Oak Creek
24 December	Christmas Eve -- NO MEETING	
29 December - 2 January	National Cadet Competition	Maxwell AFB, AL
31 December	New Year's Eve - NO MEETING	

