

Milwaukee Composite Squadron #5



Over 60 years ago, a small group of patriotic citizens dared to form a unit at Gen. Mitchell Field on Milwaukee's south side. The decades-long saga included two aircraft, six vehicles, and countless volunteer hours. This past year, the tradition of service took on a different dimension, as the....



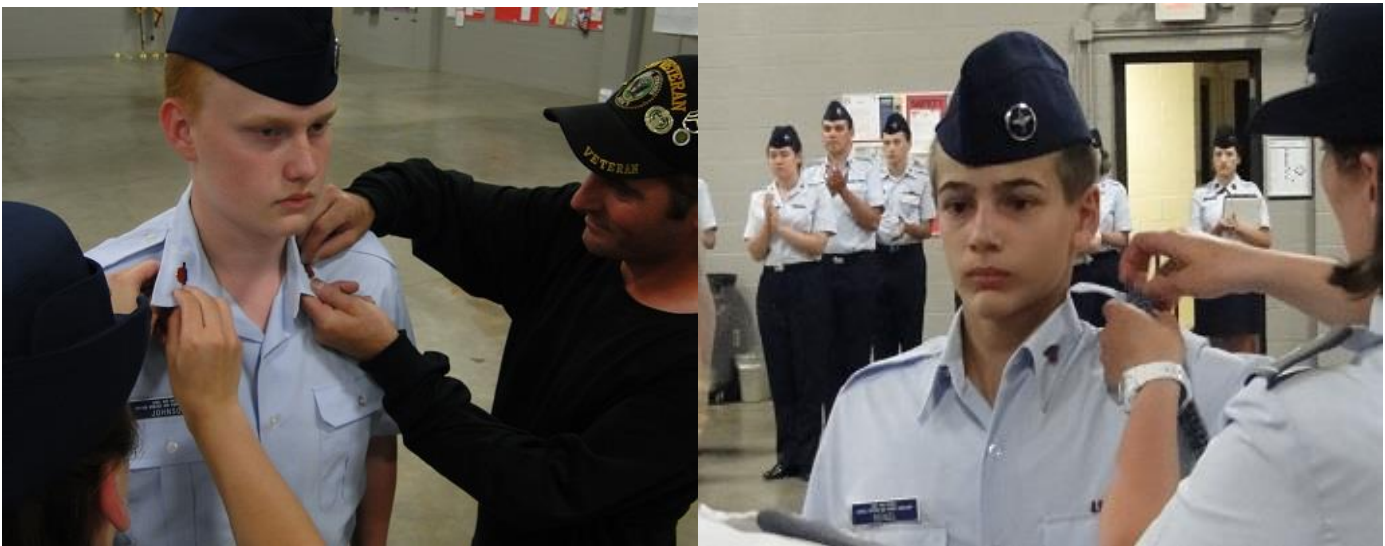
The Total Force Awakens

A New Hope

This year, our squadron welcomed the following to membership in our unit: Senior member Larry Tomaich, Cadets Brett Bartoshevich, Rachel Crissey, Becca Evans, Bryce Hoppe, James Johnson, Jack Koier, Jeremy Nuss, Jacob Reindl, and Jessie Teddy.



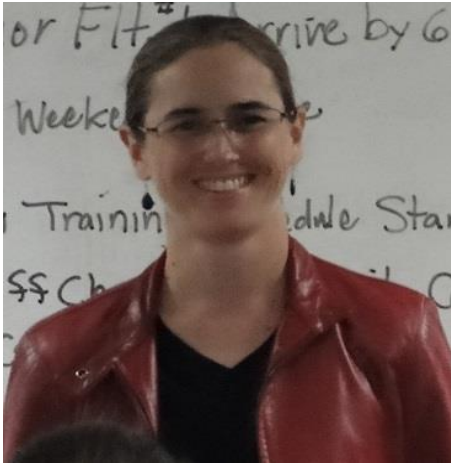
C/Amn. Rachel Crissey learns the manual of arms (upper left), C/AB Bryce Hoppe (upper right) goes through the preflight checklist with Maj. Art Stroede prior to his first Orientation Flight. C/AB James Johnson is promoted to C/Amn. (lower left) with the help of his father, and C/Amn. Jacob Reindl is recognized as Cadet of the Quarter.



These members represent the future, the hope of our squadron and our organization. Each new member is expected to attend weekly meetings, attend one Saturday activity each month (if available), attend Summer Encampment and earn the Wright Bros. Award in their first year...let the cadet experience impact their lives.

On the cover: C/CMSgt. Monte Koerner, C/2Lt. Samantha Albright and C/CMSgt. Samuel Luebbe scan the horizon, hoping to sight clues to finding the target during Wisconsin Wing's Evaluated Search & Rescue mission on May 2nd.

The Return of the Alumni



Michelle Bizub Malinowksi



John Palese



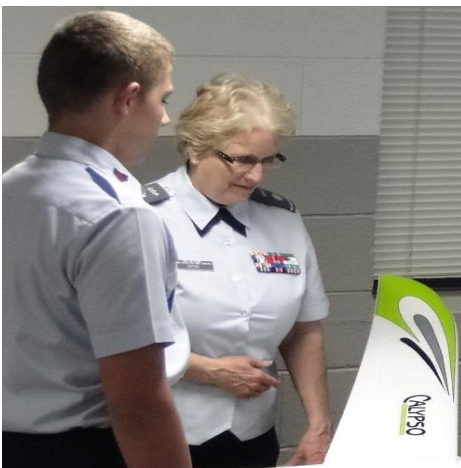
Col. Lawrence Stys



SSgt. Rigo Rodas, USAF

Once they were the learners, now they are the masters...our guest speakers this year included four former Squadron 5 cadets, who shared their experiences growing up in CAP and how they used those experiences afterwards. Michelle Malinowski is a former cadet colonel, who attended the U.S. Naval Academy and is competing her doctoral at Marquette University. John Palese is a former cadet 2nd lieutenant who is a retired Air National Guard pilot and is now a law enforcement officer. Col. Lawrence Stys is a former cadet captain and retired teacher. He is a certified flight instructor and CAP National Headquarters staffer. SSgt. Rigo Rodas is a former cadet officer who now works in military intelligence in Germany.

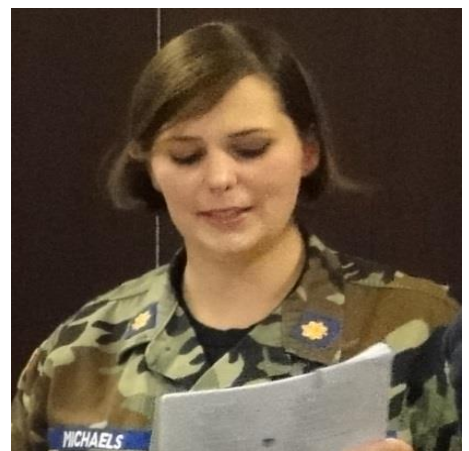
Squadron 5's many and varied activities would not be possible without the support of its dedicated senior officers and sponsor members. These thirteen ensure that the squadron's members safely accomplish CAP's missions. They provide the leadership necessary to move the unit forward.



Lt. Col. Jo Stys



Capt. Gregory Turdo



Maj. Allison Michaels

The Trilogy



Cadet Program

The Cadet Program includes elements of Leadership, Aerospace Education, Character Development, Physical Fitness and relevant Activities. Summer Encampment and Squadron 5's training schedule reflects the emphasis placed on each of these. Social events, like the Wisconsin Wing Military Ball, provides everyone a break from academics and structure. Additionally, in 2015, our cadet color guard practiced and competed in each of these elements at the Region level, at Anderson, Indiana, on October 10th. Our Cyber Patriot team earned a place in the Air Force Association's first qualifying round on 13-14 November.





Emergency Services

Once a member has attained their General ES rating, they're encouraged to participate in Squadron, Group and Wing ES activities to advance their skills. ES classes are part of each quarter's training. Our unit trained in search and rescue techniques during Winter Survival Weekend on 8-9 March, the Wing Evaluated Mission on 2 May; the Southeast Group Practice Mission on 8 August, the Squadron ES Training Weekend on 18-20 September and Southern Wis. Practice Mission on 19 December. Completing requirements for Ground Team 1, 2, and 3 ratings, members worked as radio operators, ground team members and staff assistants.





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 2015, members enjoyed a field trip to the Museum of the U.S. Air Force. 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. Participation in the STEM program enhances the cadets' learning. Our cadets recently started on the robotics module.





Only what you take with you.

On April 6th-7th, fourteen cadets and four seniors from our unit toured the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, including the Presidential and Research & Development galleries. They saw more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles along with thousands of historical items and powerful sensory exhibits. Visits to Huffman Field, the Wright Bros. Memorial, gift shops and Base Exchange were also included. Lodging was provided at the Hope Hotel & Richard C. Holbrook Conference Center.

Trip to Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio





Honoring Those Who Served

Reverence for the U.S. military is apparent in the weight we place on several activities each year: Honoring a veteran at the SE Wis. Veterans Cemetery on May 21st (upper left), welcoming vets after one of three Stars & Stripes Honor Flights (upper right) and Honor Tour (lower left), marching with Timmerman Comp. Sqdn during Milwaukee's 52nd Veterans Day Parade on November 7th (right), and Wreaths Across America at Wood Nat. Cemetery on December 12th (lower right). Our squadron also marches in Greendale's Memorial Day Parade, assists Cudahy's VFW Post 2895 with its annual poppy event, and collects items for our troops.



Do. Or do not. There is no Try.

During the past year, the following cadets received the Wright Brothers Award, completing the “Learning Phase” of the Cadet Program: Austin Ast (lower left), Noah Evans, Brendan Lee (lower right), Westley Marek, and Alec Stys.



The following cadets received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award, completing the “Leadership Phase” of the Cadet Program: C/2Lt. Samuel Luebbe and C/2Lt. Monte Koerner (below).



The following seniors were promoted to Capt. Michelle Michalski (above right) and 2Lt. Lawrence Tomaich. Additionally, Lt. Col. Stephen Michaels graduated from National Staff College, held 24-30 May at Maxwell AFB, AL. Capt. Michalski graduated from the Unit Commanders Course and 2Lt. Tomaich completed the Squadron Leadership School, both held at Volk Field, Camp Douglas, WI on 14-15 November. In February, C/1Lt. Zachary Klotz attended the Civic Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. C/1Lt. Klotz and C/2Lt. Xavier Correa graduated from the National Cadet Officers School, at Maxwell AFB. C/1Lt. Jordan Garivay and C/MSgt. Brendan Lee graduated from the Region Cadet Leadership School, held October 16-18 at the Oak Creek National Guard Armory. C/2Lt. Samuel Luebbe and C/SMSgt. Brendan Lee successfully completed the Cadet Solo Flight Academy at Oshkosh, 6 – 13 June, and received their solo wings.

Paying Respects



.C/CMSgts. Victoria Albright and C/CMSgt. Samuel Luebbe stand guard during former CAP cadet Michael Lutz's visitation (upper left). C/1Lt Garivay and C/CMSgt. Luebbe with Medal of Honor recipient Gary Wetzel (right).



Former and current Squadron 5 cadets continue to achieve...



2Lt. Crystal Staszak
USAFA Class of 2015



C/Capt. Roman Ruud
USAFA Class of 2018



C/2Lt. Samuel Grayson
USAFA Class of 2019



C/2Lt. Monte Koerner, III
USAFA Class of 2020

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, 89520 S. Howell Ave, Oak Creek, WI. Visit us on Facebook or email mke5cadets@gmail.com

What's coming up in 2016?

29-31 January	Mission Base & Comm. Academy	Volk Field, Camp Douglas, WI
31 January	NCSA Applications due	
January - February	Boston Store Coupon sales dates	Southridge
4 February	Safety Down Day	
6 February	CESA Opportunity Fair (recruiting)	Pewaukee
11-13 March	Wing Ground Team Academy	Volk Field, Camp Douglas, WI
13 March	Daylight Saving Time begins	
27 March	Easter	
29 March ?	Squadron Trip?	
7 April	New Training Period starts	
15-17 April	Wing Conference	Racine Marriott, 7111 W. Washington
7 May ?	VFW Poppy Event	Cudahy
May?	Wing SAR Exercise	TBA
28-29 May	Dan Jansen Fest	Konkel Park, Greenfield
30 May	Memorial Day Parade	Greendale
25 June–2 July	Summer Encampment	Volk Field, Camp Douglas, WI
7 July	New Training Period start	
8-10 July	South Shore Frolics	South Shore Park, Bay View
	Church Festival-1 st Aid	Divine Mercy, South Milwaukee
23-31 July	EAA Precautionary SAR	
30 July	Heritage Days Parade	South Milwaukee
3 September	St. Francis Days Parade	St. Francis
10-11 September	AE Weekend	Oshkosh
? September	ES Weekend	Oak Creek National Guard Armory
October – November	Boston Store Coupon sales dates	Southridge
5 November	Veterans Day Parade	Downtown Milwaukee
24 November	Thanksgiving	
26 November	Orientation Flight Day	Signature Flight Services
12 December	Wreaths Across America	Wood National Cemetery
16 December	Squadron Open House	Oak Creek National Guard Armory
25 December	Christmas	

