

Ready for Flight



Milwaukee Composite Squadron #5



Introduction

Since taking command of our squadron last May, I feel continually blessed, working with the high quality of cadets and seniors, not found elsewhere. As Civil Air Patrol completes celebrating its 75th year, Milwaukee Composite Squadron 5 begins its 65th. For 24 of those years, I've been a cadet or senior officer in the unit, appreciating its strong legacy of service. Our members have always been poised to respond to the call of our community, state and nation and will continue to do so. The images on these pages show that commitment.

--Stephen Michaels, Lt. Col., CAP



On the Cover: C/AB Francis Lindsey is shown the cockpit of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during the 128th Air Refueling Wing's Wingman Day, held June 4th. The chopper and its crew participated, courtesy of the 135th Aviation Group, West Bend. Photos inside by Lt. Cols. Jo Stys, Danielle and Stephen Michaels.

Our color guard (above) met the granddaughter of CAP Founder Gil Robb Wilson, Rev. Capt. Jill Paulson, at the 2016 Wisconsin Wing Conference, held in Racine on April 14-16. Shown with Rev. Paulson are C/SMSGt. Alec Stys, C/CMSgt. Brendan Lee, C/CMSgt. Jon Micheal, C/A1C Rachel Crissey and C/CMSgt. Jessie Teddy.



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. Shown are Maj. S. Sims, Chaplain Capt. L. Berez, LtCol. S. Michaels, Capt. M. Michalski, 2Lt. Z. Marek, Capt. G. Turdo, LtCol. C. Sims, 2Lt. L. Tomaich, and LtCol. J. Stys.

HONORING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Our unit is committed to honoring our nation's veterans. For the fourth year, we helped Cudahy VFW Post 2895 with its annual poppy drive. Our cadets organized a memorial service for Gen. Billy Mitchell at Forest Home Cemetery, held May 26th (lower left). Our cadets marched in both the Greendale Memorial Day Parade and Milwaukee's 53rd annual Veterans Day Parades (above). We were



joined by Racine, Timmerman, Walco, and Waukesha Composite Squadrons. We welcomed home Korean and WWII veterans from five Stars & Stripes Honor Flights (lower right). 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 2016, cadets and seniors enjoyed field trips to the Champion Aircraft Company and the Astronautics Corporation of America on March 29th.

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.



A refueling flight with the 128th ARW on June 22nd.



C/SrA Rachel Crissey enjoys the IFly indoor skydiving experience (above) during a squadron field trip to Rosemont, Ill., on August 8th.



Kin C/Amn. Mohillo and C/AB Antonio Alcala go through the preflight checklist with CAP pilot 1Lt. Greg Reed (above) prior to their Orientation Flight at AE Weekend. Meanwhile, C/SSgt. Brett Bartoshevich and C/SMSGt. Noah Evans build balsa wood and tissue aircraft to test the principles of flight (right).



CADET PROGRAM



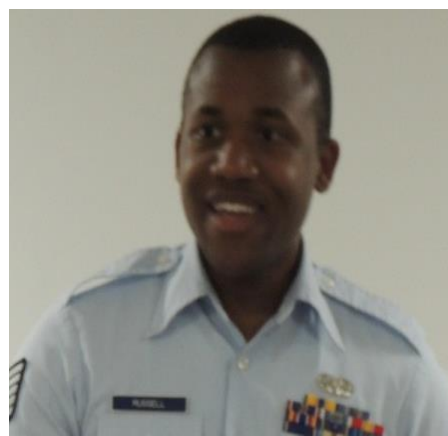
Cadet Program elements include Leadership, Aerospace Education, Character Development, Physical Fitness and relevant activities. Social events like the Wisconsin Wing Military Ball (upper left), provide a break from academics and structure. Additionally, our color guard represented the unit at the Wisconsin Wing Conference, a veterans' ceremony at Wood National Cemetery on June 23rd, Mexican Fiesta on August 28th, and the Holiday Folk Fair International on November 20th.



Guest Speakers



Sgt. Nate Widdifield, Cadet
Royal Canadian Army



TSgt. Ryan Russell, Recruiter
128th Air Refueling Wing



Mr. John Schindler, Crew Member
Flight for Life (former CAP officer)

Squadron Field Trip

On the morning of March 29th, ten cadets and three senior officers toured the American Champion Aircraft Corporation at Rochester, Wisconsin's Fox Valley Airport. The company manufactures six different 2-place light aircraft. Our guide was company owner Mr. Jerry Mehlhaff.



We then stopped for lunch at the Final Approach Restaurant, right across the street from Gen. Mitchell Field.



Then it was off to Milwaukee's north side for a tour of the Astronautics Corporation of America. Astronautics is a world leader in the design, development, and manufacturer of military and commercial avionics. One of our guides was former Squadron 5 cadet Ryan Eggert (lower left).



Summer Encampment

On June 27th – July 2nd, cadets and six seniors attended Wisconsin 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/SrA Brett Bartoshevich
C/AIC Carl Gordon
C/SrA Bryce Hoppe
C/Amn. Kin Mohillo

Returning for a second year, learning at the Cadet

Development Course were:

C/AIC Crissey, Rachel
C/AIC Johnson, James

Returning for a second year, honing leadership skills at the

Wisconsin Cadet Academy

(WCA) were:

C/CMSgt. Stys, Alec

C/CMSgt. Teddy, Jessie
C/TSgt. Ast, Austin

Seven of our cadets served on cadet staff:

C/Capt. Klotz, Zachary
C/1Lt. Luebbe, Samuel
C/2Lt. Correa, Xavier
C/CMSgt. Micheal, Jon
C/CMSgt. Lee, Brendan
C/CMSgt. Thompson, Sophie
C/CMSgt. Marek, Jeremy
C/MSgt. Marek, Westley

Serving on the senior staff were:

Lt. Col. Michaels, Danielle
Lt. Col. Michaels, Stephen
Capt. Berez, Linda
Capt. Michalski, Michelle
Capt. Turdo, Gregory
2Lt. Marek, Zachary



EMERGENCY SERVICES



Cadets learned basic orienteering and compass work while at the Summer Encampment in June (above). This would serve as a foundation skill, needed for ground search.

CAP seniors flew several missions during the EAA Precautionary SAR in August. Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs) were the object of most air search sorties and Lt. Col. Danielle Michaels was part of a crew that was successful in silencing one.



Our cadets and seniors and those from Sheboygan Comp. Sqdn. learned American Heart Association 1st Aid and CPR during a special class, taught by Lt. Col. Danielle Michaels at the Oak Creek Armory on October 1st (upper left).

The next day, the squadron was alerted to an ELT search in the West Bend area. Eight cadets and seniors spent several hours chasing the elusive radio signal, including a check at the Hartford Airport (upper right) without success.

That same day in Waukesha, a 10 year-old autistic boy wandered away from his home. Several of our members joined law enforcement and first responders in the search. The boy was found the next morning in a nearby field.



Recognition

In 2016, we welcomed the following new CAP members to our unit: S/Ms Michael Leggett, John Pruitt, Joseph Suchorski, and Cadets Antonio Alcala, Clay Amidon, Cole Debaets, Christopher Hauser, Thomas Haley (below left), Paris Hickembottom, Francis Lindsey, Dylan Marquardt, Kin Mohillo, and Haley Whitaker.



The following received the Wright Bros. Award, completing the “Learning Phase” of the Cadet Program: C/TSgt. Brett Bartoshevich, C/SSgts. Carl Gordon, Bryce Hoppe, Collin Nuss, and Jacob Reindl.

C/2Lt. Jon Micheal completed Phase II, the “Leadership Phase” and received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.

C/Capt. Zachary Klotz (right) received the Amelia Earhart Award, completing the Cadet Program’s

“Command Phase.” He also received his CAP solo wings in 2016.



National Special Activities

C/CMSgt. Jon Micheal and C/2Lt. Sam Luebbe posed with Col. Rose Hunt, Wis. Wing Commander (left), after completing the Cadet Solo Flight Academy at Oshkosh. C/2Lt. Luebbe also attended the National Cadet Officers School at Maxwell AFB, Al. C/TSgt. Austin Ast attended the Engineering Technologies Academy (Robotics) at Camp Pendleton, Ca. C/CMSgt. Alec Stys attended the USAF Civil Engineering Academy at Tindall AFB, Fl. Capt. Linda Berez and C/A1C James Johnson attended the National Emergency Services Academy at Camp Atterbury, In.

Senior Promotions & Awards



S/M Michael Leggett, a former cadet captain, was promoted to 1Lt. (left) and 2Lt. Larry Tomaich (right) received the CAP Achievement Award for his outstanding service to our unit.



Squadron Financing

Our Squadron undertakes an ambitious fund raising program each year. In 2016, this included working at Dan Jansen Fest, Divine Mercy Church Festival and South Shore Frolics. We participated in two Boston Store coupon book sales (right), sold greenhouse gift cards, and poinsettias. Squadron grants funded Summer Encampment participation, National Special Activity scholarships, the squadron field trip, the IFLy indoor skydiving activity and color guard equipment and participation at several community events.



Exporting Leadership in 2016:



Maj. Allison Michaels
Seattle Comp. Sqdn., Wash. Wing



C/CMSgt. Sophie Thompson
Col. R.C. Jaye Mem. Comp. Sqdn.



C/CMSgt. Brendan Lee
Capitol Comp. Sqdn., Vermont Wing

Our Unit's 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/1Lt. Sam Luebke
Nominated this year

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