

Aiming High



Milwaukee Composite Squadron #5

2019

Introduction

In 2019, Milwaukee Composite Squadron #5 aimed high. Our Color Guard advanced from the Wing to Region Cadet Competition, placing fifth among 10 teams. We achieved a "Find" on an ELT search mission. Our Cyber Patriot Team competed in the State All Service Division. And we represented Civil Air Patrol at the Arnold Air Society & Silver Wings National Convention in Milwaukee. Along the way we met some amazing people...



Upper left: U.S. Under Secretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan speaks to C/Maj. Alec Stys and C/1Lt. Austin Ast during the Arnold Air Society & Silver Wings National Convention.

Upper right: Lt. Col. Steve Michaels receives his CAP 50-year service plaque from State Representative Ken Skowronski during Wisconsin Wing's Legislative Day.

Left: Wis. Asst. State Adj. Gen. Robyn Blader chats with C/SrA Lydia Stys before the 257th Brigade Support Battalion's last Dining Out at the Milwaukee Hilton.

Lower left: C/TSgt. Zachary Cecchini poses with Green Bay Packer great Earl Dodson and his Super Bowl ring at the Milwaukee Veterans Ball & Banquet.

Lower right: C/2Lt. Timothy Manzke receives his Mitchell Award from the 128th ARW's Commander, Col. James Locke.



Our members will continue to aim high and are poised to respond to the call of their community, state and nation. The images on these pages testify to that.

On the Cover: C/SrA Rachel Sepulveda readies her model rocket for launch during an Aerospace Education class.

HONORING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Our unit is committed to honoring our nation's veterans. For the sixth year, we helped Cudahy VFW Post 2895 with its annual poppy drive (lower right). Our cadets organized a memorial service for Capt. Lance Sijan at Arlington Park Cemetery, held May 23rd (upper right). Our cadets marched in the Greendale Memorial Day Parade and we welcomed home WWII, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam War veterans from six Stars & Stripes Honor Flights (upper left). We assisted the 128th Air Refueling Wing with its annual Wingman Fest on September 15th (bottom) and supported the Veterans Day program at Milwaukee's War Memorial. And we provided a color guard and wreath bearers for the Wreaths Across America program at Wood National Cemetery (lower left). We were joined by Timmerman Composite Squadron and Watertown's R.C. Jaye Composite Squadron.

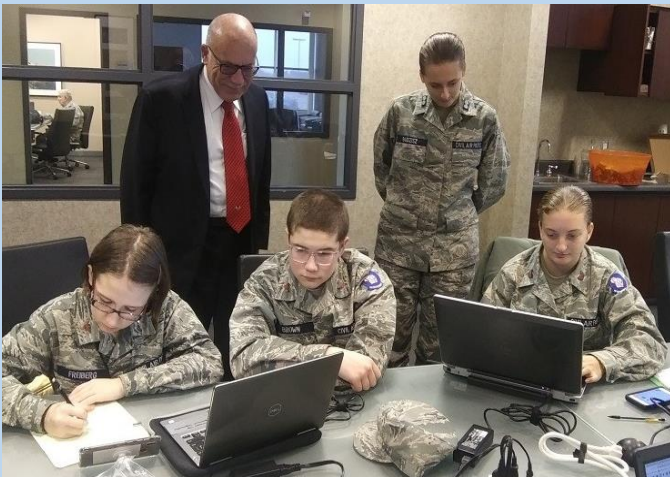


Cadet Program

Leadership, Aerospace Education, Character Development, Physical Fitness and relevant activities all describe the Cadet Program. In 2019, the Squadron Dining Out (middle right), provided a break from academics and structure. Activities, like the NRA Marksmanship course (below) and the KC-135 Simulator field trip (middle left), supplemented our program. Additionally, our Cyber Patriot team (bottom left) represented our unit in the Air Force Association-sponsored competition. And our color guard (lower right) represented us at the Wisconsin Wing and Great Lakes Region Competitions, the Wisconsin Wing Conference, the Milwaukee Veterans Banquet & Ball, and the Holiday Folk Fair International.



C/AB Annalisa Schulz in the boom operator sim.



Mr. Vic Johnson (AFA) & C/1Lt. Katelyn Budzisz standing. C/Amn. Seija Freiberg, C/A1C Evan Brown, and C/TSgt. Genevieve Skibicki seated.

C/SMSgt. Aleksandr Wellner, C/TSgt. Jordan Vallee, C/1Lt. Collin Nuss, C/TSgt. Zachary Cecchini, C/SMSgt. Timothy Manzke and C/SrA Lydia Stys

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 2019, cadets and seniors enjoyed field trips to the National Museum of the USAF in Ohio (right), the 115th Fighter Wing in Madison (lower left), and IFly Indoor Skydiving in Rosemont, Ill. (middle left). Orientation 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 in CAP aircraft at Summer Encampment and throughout the summer and fall (lower right). We completed the robotics AEX project and started model rocketry (upper left). We received the Aerospace Education Excellence Award.



1Lt. Lawrence Tomaich points out an A-10 detail.



C/TSGT. Skibicki fashions a nose cone.



Glider flights (above) at Bult Field in Monee, Illinois, were provided for the first time. C/SSgt. Wenzel in cockpit.



C/A1C Adriel Correa checks the fuel mixture.

Emergency Services



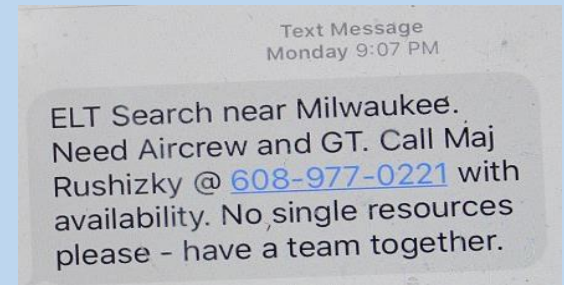
Our members learned basic orienteering, compass work, air-ground coordination and survival skills at the squadron's annual winter ES Weekend (bottom). And they gained proficiency at the Wing Ground Team Academy (left). This served as a foundation, needed for ground search during the Evaluated SAR Exercise (above). Our unit responded to a non-distress ELT mission on November 4th, resulting in a "Find" (right). The following received the Search "Find" Ribbon/clasp:

Lt. Col. Stephen Michaels
 Lt. Col. Danielle Michaels
 Maj. Gregory Turdo
 1Lt. Lawrence Tomaich
 C/1Lt. Collin Nuss
 C/TSgt. Joseph Duvall
 C/SrA Madaleine Blood
 C/SrA Elaina Rautio

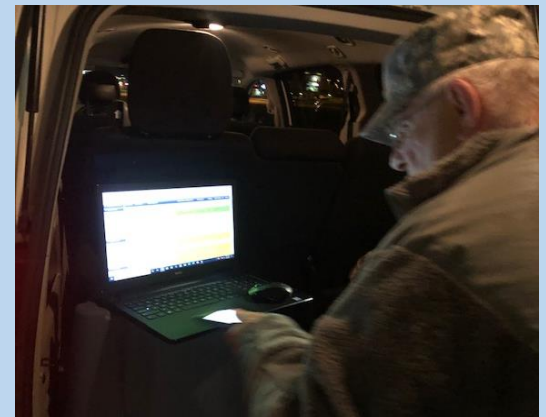
Our cadets and seniors learned American Heart Association 1st Aid and CPR during a special class, taught by Lt. Col. Danielle Michaels at the Timmerman Field hangar (left) on November 30th.



C/A1C Rautio (right) at the heliport.



C/AB Izabella Walek and C/Amn. Ryan Whitney



1Lt. Tomaich checks mission info.





Summer Encampment

On June 22 – 29th, twenty-two cadets and four seniors from our unit attended Wis. Wing’s Summer Encampment at Volk Field ANGB. The cadets experienced life at a military base, Air Force traditions and careers. First year cadets developed teamwork and self-confidence:

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| C/SSgt. Genevieve Skibicki | C/SrA Madaleine Blood |
| C/SrA Elaina Rautio | C/SrA Rachel Sepulveda |
| C/SrA Lydia Stys (top photo left) | C/SrA Ethan Wenzel |
| C/A1C Adriel Correa | C/Amn. Evan Brown |
| C/Amn. Emerald Cecchini | C/Amn. Kicker Romero |

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

- C/CMSgt. Timothy Manzke
- C/CMSgt. Isabel Jimenez
- C/SMSgt. Aleksandr Wellner (right)
- C/TSgt. Zachary Cecchini
- C/SSgt. Joseph Duvall
- C/SSgt. William Kochis
- C/SSgt. Noah Marks (upper left)

Attending the Cadet Development Course were:
C/SSgt. Amber Brellenthin
C/SrA Cameron Blood (mid left)
C/SrA Derek Zeng



Serving on Cadet Staff were:

C/1Lt. Collin Nuss and C/CMSgt. Michaela Snead (top photo right)*

Serving on Senior Staff were: Chaplain Maj. Linda Berez, Maj. Richard Pretsch,* Maj. Gregory Turdo, and 2Lt. Jon Micheal* (lower left).

*Received Commander’s Commendations for outstanding performance during the activity.

National Cadet Special Activities

Each year, cadets have the opportunity to attend special interest activities at colleges, military bases, and the Nation's Capitol. See ncsas.com for details. Application deadline for most is January 15th.



C/1Lts. Ast & Nuss at Nat. Flight Academy C/1Lt. Ast & C/Maj. Stys (rear) at the Wing Legislative Wknd, Wash, DC
 Additionally, C/Capt. Hannah Stys and C/SSgt. Amber Brellenthin attended the Cyber Security Academy. C/Maj Alec Stys attended the National Cadet Officer School and C/1Lt. Katelyn Budzisz helped staff the National Cadet Competition.

2019 Guest Speakers



Eagle Police Chief (& former cadet officer) Greg Duran The 128th ARW's Col. Adria Zuccaro Milwaukee TSA Agents Christopher Callen, Kevin Kohlhagen & Frank Pipia

Honor Roll



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/CMSgt Isabel Jimenez
USCGA Class of 2024



C/Capt Katelyn Budzisz
AFA Class of 2024



Recognition

This past year, we welcomed into our unit:

Cadets Roxana Alamilla-Cruz (left), Jessica Berlin, Evan Brown, Do Ly Tu Do, Matthew Felske, Seija Freiberg, Henry Glazewski, Anthony Jimenez, Jacomo Riccio, Kicker Romero, Annalisa Schulz, Matthew Vallee, Izabella Walek, and Ryan Whitney.

The following received the Wright Brothers Award, completing the Learning Phase of the Cadet Program: C/SSgt.

Amber Brellenthin, C/MSgt. Joseph Duvall, C/MSgt. William Kochis, C/TSgt. Noah Marks (middle left), C/TSgt. Genevieve Skibicki, C/MSgt. Lydia Stys, C/TSgt. Ethan Wenzel, and C/SSgt. Derek Zeng.



The following received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award, completing the Leadership Phase of the Cadet Program: C/Capt. Katelyn /Budzisz, C/2Lt. Timothy Manzke, and C/2Lt. Michaela Sned (at right with Col. Adria Zuccaro).



The following received the Amelia Earhart Award, completing the Command Phase of the Cadet Program: C/Capt. Katelyn Budzisz and C/Capt. Hannah Stys (right, with parents).



The following received the Ira Eaker Award, completing the Executive Phase of the Cadet Program: C/Lt. Col. Alec Stys (at left with Col. Shawn Gaffney).

Senior Promotions & Awards

Chaplain Captain Linda Berez completed Level IV (Command & Staff) of the Senior Program, received the Paul E. Garber Award, and was promoted to Major.

As a former USAF officer, S/M Richard Pretsch was promoted to Major.

1Lt. Lawrence Tomaich completed Level III (Management) of the Senior Program, received the Grover Loening Award, and was promoted to Captain. (right).

2Lt. Jon Micheal completed Level II (Technical Training) of the Senior Program, received the Benjamin O. Davis Award, and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

As a former Cadet Captain, S/M Zachary Klotz was promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

Lt. Col. Danielle Michaels and Maj. Gregory Turdo received Commanders Commendations for their leadership in the squadron.

Maj. Pretsch and Lt. Micheal received the CAP Achievement Award for sharing their expertise in the unit's Aerospace Education, Cadet Color Guard and Cyber Patriot programs.



Squadron Financing

Our Squadron undertakes an ambitious fund raising program each year. In 2019, this included working at Dan Jansen Fest, marching in several parades, selling greenhouse gift cards and poinsettias (right), and wreath sponsorships for Wreaths Across America Squadron. Fund raising supported Summer Encampment participation, National Cadet Special Activity scholarships, the squadron field trips, the IFly indoor skydiving activity, color guard equipment, and participation at several community events.

Squadron Senior Leadership

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



C/A1C Kicker Romero & poinsettias



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, our website (milwaukee5cap.org) or email mke5cadets@gmail.com