

Fox Cities Composite Squadron: Total Force Bulletin



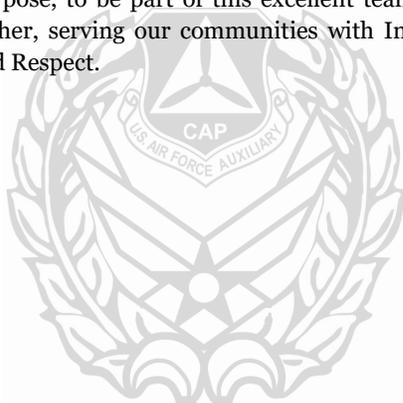
“We interrupt your evening to bring you, “official” CAP news!”

COMMANDERS CORNER

The core values of Civil Air Patrol are Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect. Adopted in 1996, these values were modeled after the Air Force core values that were described as "the glue that unifies the force and ties it to the great warriors and public servants of the past." Our CAP core values also act as the foundational code of behavior that allows us to trust each other and perform as a high-functioning team, unified to accomplish our missions.

These core values are woven throughout the training that all members receive, allowing us all as individuals to meet at a common understanding where we can work effectively together. Teams without common values are typically full of emotion, fractured, and have difficulty working together toward a goal. This may look like a group of individuals instead of a true team. Here, at Fox Cities Composite Squadron, we strive always to teach and model the core values because we know that working together, we can accomplish much more than we would as individuals.

When I watch the selfless service of our members and the respect that they show towards each other, I am very proud to be part of this squadron. I know that we all joined for our own individual reasons but have come together for a singular purpose, to be part of this excellent team, training exceptional cadets, and together, serving our communities with Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect.



Semper Vigilans, Fox Cities!

-Major Mark Niemi
FCCS Commander

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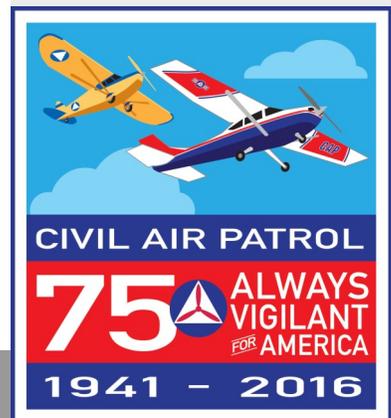
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Fox Cities Composite Squadron has grown on both our Cadet and Senior Member side. Since April we have 12 new members and we would like to take a minute and welcome:

Cadet D. Conrad
Cadet K. Conrad
Cadet T. Hansen
Cadet C. Kleckner
Cadet B. Korb
Cadet A. Olson
Cadet T. Schlaeger
Cadet D. Schleih
Cadet M. White
Cadet S. Witt
Cadet N. Zinke
Senior Member Shawn Zinke

We look forward to helping you grow your talents and accomplish amazing things within Civil Air Patrol, keep up the good work!



“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”
~John C. Maxwell

AEROSPACE EDUCATION:

The last quarter has been very exciting as the cadets have been working on the Astronomy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Kit. This kit was provided by Civil Air Patrol - National Headquarters and consisted of a portable Celestron telescope and a booklet of activities. The cadets constructed a star finder, searched for satellites circling the Earth, and demonstrated the phases of the moon using a lamp and Styrofoam “moons.” The highlight of the STEM Kit project was a trip to the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. Eight cadets and two senior members visited Planetarium and learned about the new ninth planet beyond Pluto and the Kepler Belt, the billions of galaxies throughout the universe, and had the opportunity to make “slime” and see what happened when it was exposed to a vacuum. Participating and sharing STEM within our Squadron and the community is an important part of our Civil Air Patrol mission.



C/TSgt Bastian, Cadet Sellers, C/Amn Kleckner, C/CMSgt Niemi, Cadet Zinke, C/SrA Jerred, C/A1C Laudolff, and C/Airman Schlaeger against the Chicago skyline.



FCCS PROMOTIONS:

FCCS has seen many promotions and awards since our last newsletter and you will find them, here!

Congratulations to each of you listed here, your hard work, *spirit de corps*, and dedication has not gone unnoticed.

May Promotions Include:

Major Linda Sanchez-Reid
C/CMSgt Aidan Merck
C/TSgt Isaiah Bastian
C/TSgt William Voelker
C/TSgt Karl Steenepoorte
C/A1C Trey Laudolff
C/SrA Joshua Jerred
C/SrA Jacob Coulombe

June Promotions Include:

C/Amn Matthew White
C/Amn Brady Korb
2d Lt. Christina Jerred
C/Amn Tyler Schlaeger
C/SSgt James Fitzwater

July Promotions Include:

C/Amn Cameron Kleckner
C/A1C Matthew Peroutka
C/2d Lt Noah Jessick



FCCS at Brennand Old Time Airport Days

UPCOMING EVENTS!

16 August: Membership Presentation - Senator Roth

12-14 August: CERT Training - Oshkosh NETC

26-28 August: Ground Team Competition - Volk Field

27 August: FCCS to join Door County Squadron Meeting

2-4 September: Aircrew School - Volk Field

6 September: FVTC Public Safety - Fire Training course

13 September: FCCS Parent Meeting & Change of Command Ceremony

23-25 September: Fall FTX

Check our website at:
www.foxcitiescap.org/calendar
for more information on these events.



C/CMSgt Merck, C/CMSgt Niemi, C/SrA Jerred, C/TSgt Bastian. Flag Day Parade Color Guard.

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CADET SCOOP:

Summer kicked off with the Wisconsin Wing Summer Encampment which takes place at Volk Field Air National Guard Base. Cadets from all over Wisconsin spend the week together teaching, learning, and creating life-long friendships. Encampment is Civil Air Patrol's "basic training", and incorporates team building, leadership exercises, followership classes, drill and ceremony, customs and courtesies, and so much more! Congratulations to the following Fox Cities Cadets who either helped staff encampment or graduated from one of the classes offered:

C/Col Thomsen (Cadet Staff)
C/2nd Lt. L. Vassios (Cadet Staff)
C/2nd Lt. Jessick (Cadet Staff)
C/2nd Lt. Chanda (Cadet Staff)
C/CMSgt Merck (Wisconsin Cadet Academy)
C/SMSgt N. Vassios (Cadet Development Course)
C/TSgt Voelker (Cadet Development Course)
C/TSgt Steeneporte (Cadet Development Course)
C/TSgt Bastian (Wisconsin Basic School)
C/SrA Jerred (Wisconsin Basic School)
C/SrA Coulombe (Wisconsin Basic School)
C/Amn Schlaeger (Wisconsin Basic School)
C/Amn White (Wisconsin Basic School)
C/A1C Laudolff (Wisconsin Basic School)
C/A1C M. Peroutka (Wisconsin Basic School)
C/SrA A. Peroutka (Wisconsin Basic School),
C/SSgt Fitzwater (Illinois Encampment - Basic School)

Cadets who have attended a basic encampment are now eligible to participate in other National Cadet Special Activities (NCSA's) offered around the country. We thought you would like to hear first hand what these Cadets feel that they have learned by attending encampment, the following are a few of their thoughts:

"Encampment was well worth my time and a good experience. We learned how to be good followers and good leaders. It was lots of fun to meet other cadets that you will see at other wing training events and NCSA's. We learned respect and discipline, and practiced drill. I'm looking forward to being able to participate in NCSA's in the future."
-C/SrA Joshua Jerred

"This year I learned a lot about professionalism, effective time management, SMART goals, and motivation. I learned that professionalism is not the job you do, but how well you do it, how to effectively manage my time and some tools to assist me along the way, how to make goals, and how to motivate, whether it is myself or an entire team."
-C/SMSgt Nicholas Vassios

"During this years Encampment, one of the things I took away from encampment was leadership skills. On the first day, my wing man and I made a commitment to always be the first two people out of bed ready to go before any other cadet. We successfully completed this goal five out of the seven days that we were there. When we were finally outside for PT, I tried my hardest to push myself and the cadets in my flight to perform every exercise to the best of their ability. This shows leadership because if other cadets see me trying my hardest then maybe they will work even harder too."
- C/A1C Matthew Peroutka



A-10 Warthog tour during Wisconsin Wing Encampment 2016

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Are you interested in following Fox Cities Composite Squadrons excitement online?

Facebook:

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Or use Facebook search: Fox Cities Composite Squadron

You can follow our blog updates on our website:

www.foxcitiescap.org

Picture updates:

www.flickr.com/photos/foxcitiescap/

We even "tweet" so follow us at: @foxcitiescap

Social media is a great way to share the training your Cadets are receiving in Civil Air Patrol. You are always free to share any of our posts!



C/Amn Peroutka preparing for barracks inspection at encampment.

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CADET SCOOP ... CONT.

"Communication and teamwork will always beat a group of talented individuals working apart." -C/A1C Laudolff

"Encampment, for me anyways, was a wonderful experience. This can be mostly attributed to the outstanding flight staff of Delta Flight and Squadron Two. During my time at Wisconsin Basic School, I learned valuable life skills such as teamwork, working hard under pressure, attention to detail, and all important time-management skills. These skills were not taught in lessons by the various instructors, rather, we learned them as we went through each barracks preparation before inspection. All in all, these skills will help me very much in the future, even beyond CAP. All of it, thanks to encampment." -C/SrA Jacob Coulombe

"The Cadet Development Course was a great learning opportunity for me this year. From the start you could tell that it would be a completely different encampment experience than Basic Encampment. Instead of being told exactly what to do at every moment, we were given chances to lead within our group of Candidates. We also had classes focusing heavily on how to manage, control, direct and lead groups. The class room training about leadership strengthened all of our skills and confidence to the point that by our last barracks inspection, CDC candidates worked together as a well-oiled machine to prepare for the inspection. The main difference between CDC and Basic School is that we were given responsibility over not only our own actions but those around us. I would highly encourage any cadet who has attended their first year Basic school to attend any second year school, especially CDC." -C/TSgt Steenepoorte

Cadets from FCCS have also taken part in numerous Cadet National Special Activities. In early June, C/Second Lieutenant Jessick took part in National Flight Academy held in Oshkosh. There he was able to complete his pre-solo requirements putting him just steps away from his private pilots license. C/Second Lieutenant Lauren Vassios took part in National Blue Beret also in Oshkosh. National Blue Beret (NBB) is a 2-week special activity that allows Cadets to learn flight marshalling, urban direction finding, search and rescue, and first aid in order to support EAA AirVenture. C/Chief



Cadet Second Lieutenant Lauren Vassios participating in National Blue Beret during EAA AirVenture 2016.

Master Sergeant Matthew Niemi took part in the Model Aircraft Remote Control Academy also held in Oshkosh. This week long academy focuses on model aircraft ground handling as well as safe flying procedures, allowing the Cadets to solo with a certified RC Instructor throughout the week.

"Model Aircraft Remote Control (MARC) Academy in Oshkosh is one of the best academy's if you are interested in RC flying. Through the week you will receive aircraft ground handling and learn how to fly one on one with an certified RC instructor while soloing by the end of the week. In conclusion this NCSA is a great way to make new friends from around the nation while flying RC aircraft. I highly recommend this NCSA." -C/CMSgt Matthew Niemi

If you are interested in learning more about the National Cadet Special Activities held around the country you can visit the website at: www.ncsas.com. Congratulations to all of the Cadets from FCCS who participated in these events, and we look forward to seeing our newer Cadets take part in all of this excitement!

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:

Our Friends at EAA Chapter 41, at Brennand Airport, are only 9 miles away. According to Google Maps, that's just a 12 minute drive. Imagine all the fun we can have sharing aviation experiences with each other! If you are not sure what I'm talking about, then please allow me to explain: Once upon a time, I co-built an airplane; and it was one of the most fun and rewarding experiences I've ever had. When the airplane project started, I was not a pilot and had zero experience building anything that would fly. But along the way, I learned about everything from wiring a fuel level sensor to upholstering a pilot's seat, to how a wing is built and installed with the proper dihedral. It was all very amazing. It definitely helped me to become a private pilot. Tests are easier when you've built what you're being asked about. And that same kind of educational aviation adventure has the possibility to happen again, less than 10 miles from Fox Cities Composite Squadron.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. Our EAA-41 friends are not building an airplane – at least not yet. But cadets and EAA-41 members working together to build an airplane is visionary. It is an endeavor worth pursuing! It could even be one of those 'matches made in heaven' that only happens once in a great while, if everyone involved were to plant the seeds and nurture it along in that direction. EAA and Civil Air Patrol aerospace education opportunities would only scratch the surface. Camaraderie and social aspects of such a project could also be hugely rewarding. These are the things that give life itself to EAA chapters, and CAP squadrons, and flying clubs, and all our good relationships. The CAP Core Values of excellence, respect, service and integrity can guide us in forming those relationships – if we make the choice.

While I was talking with CAP Lt Jim Kress and EAA-41's president Peter at Brennand Old Time Airport Days fly-in, I felt welcomed to talk about adventures like this. But you don't need to build an airplane to have fun with EAA-41. They are a great chapter, and we need to spend more time together. Their monthly meetings are 6pm, on the third Tuesday of each month. That's perfect, because it does not overlap our Tuesday meetings 7-9pm. As a matter of fact, it allows EAA 41 to join us at the squadron for aerospace education (AE) and other planned events, when they are able. Please consider the possibilities. Dream... and see what happens!

- Major Jerry Jessick



NEWS FROM SUPPLY!

Well Supplied

Our squadron has the benefit of a well-stocked supply of uniform items. We have had a busy summer so far helping cadets getting outfitted to attend Summer Encampment, many of them going for the first time! As we are able, we try to supply each member with much of what they need for their BDU's and Dress Blues uniforms. Once cadets reach their Curry Achievement they receive a generous \$100 voucher from Vanguard to help complete their uniforms!

Did you borrow extra uniform pieces to attend Encampment?

Please return the items before the end of August, but be sure they are cleaned first. We have been adding many new members to our squadron lately and want to be able to help as many as possible to have a complete uniform. When you have questions about your uniform please consult [CAP M 39-1](#) and your Chain of Command.

-2d Lt Tina Jerred

side-note: we are still not aware of when ABU's will be available to our squadron.

AIRCREW NEWS:

On July 11, the northwest part of Wisconsin was hit by a storm that dropped approximately 10 inches of rain near Ashland in about an 8 hour period. This deluge caused power outages and large areas of flooding, as well as damage to roads, bridges, and harbors. For several days after the storm, some roads were still underwater and many were impassable.

A state of emergency was declared for eight counties and the Civil Air Patrol was asked to help assess the damage. The Fox Cities Composite Squadron's Cessna 182 flew in support of this request, with the crew taking pictures of areas that emergency personnel believed had sustained damage. As the plane approached the Lake Superior shoreline, large areas of brown silt could be seen where every river or stream entered the lake. A significant amount of damage was photographed, including a half-mile stretch of US highway 2 that was under water, washed out roads and bridges, and the heavily damaged Saxson harbor, which had roads washed away, boats flushed out into Lake Superior, and silt deposited in the harbor. This silt grounded many boats as the water level dropped. The magnitude of the powerful forces that were present was revealed when large trees, perhaps 14" in diameter, with roots and tops intact, were spotted a half mile out in Lake Superior.

The pictures taken were then uploaded to a website for emergency management personnel to view. This allowed them to quantify the damage, prioritize needs and plan for a response. The Civil Air Patrol worked in unison with other government agencies and military units to respond to the crisis and provide valuable information for the emergency response effort.



FCCS Cessna 182T

Because of road and bridge damage, many areas were cut off and the National Guard flew in the area rescuing people, especially those who need regular medical procedures, such as dialysis patients. These people were picked up by helicopter and flown to the Ashland airport, where they could be transported to the local hospital.

- Lt Col Peter Boulanger