

SUMMER FUN

Civil Air Patrol offers cadets a wide range of enrichment opportunities through more than 30 national cadet special activities that take place each summer across the nation.



Southeast, Southwest take NCC

Regions earn Air Force
Sweepstakes Trophy

By Neil Probst



Michigan Wing Oakland Composite Squadron cadets, from left, Chief Master Sgt. Merreck Gandy, Master Sgt. Jonathon Pupillo, Tech. Sgt. Bryan Connell and Sr. Airman Scott Carson march in step during Outdoor Presentation National Cadet Competition in Dayton, Ohio. The Great Lakes Region cadets placed fourth among color guard teams and were very pleased with their first experience in national CAP competition.

Photo by Susan Robertson, CAP National Headquarters

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Winning isn't everything, but it felt great for the 2008 National Cadet Competition's top teams — the Southeast Region's Color Guard and Southwest Region's Drill Team.

The competition ended a long road for some 150 cadets from across the nation whose group-, wing- and region-level victories earned them the right to compete in NCC.

Members of the Southeast Region Color Guard, represented by Florida's Gainesville Composite Squadron, said their hometown football and basketball teams' national success at the University of Florida set the bar for what they set out to achieve.

It wasn't hard to envision the thrill of victory, said Cadet 2nd Lt. Timothy Lhota.

"For certain events like the Mile Run, we practiced by running up to five or six miles a week, a mile-a-day minimum. Also, we did tons of study sessions. Each

weekend we put in about eight hours of just studying," said Lhota, who teamed up with Master Sgt. Joshua Davidson, Chief Master Sgt. Tiffany Jakowczuk and Tech. Sgt. Samuel Dauss.

The Gainesville team gained additional inspiration from one of its own.

Davidson, who tore a tendon near his knee in February 2007 — a condition that requires almost a full year to heal — ran a 6:28 mile!

"We had senior members keeping track of points, and it was close. We weren't sure. It was definitely a surprise, and a good one," said Davidson of the win.

"We definitely were pretty nervous at the banquet, but we were confident," added Jakowczuk. "We thought we had at least gotten second place. When they finally called it, we felt so proud we had come all that way," she said.

Southwest Region Drill Team leader Cadet Col. Jamie Hurley, an NCC veteran, embodied the spirit of the competition.

For his team, the trek to NCC started at home, on the blacktop of the Phoenix Deer Valley Airport, where teammates would gather to practice. Later they celebrated on a

Reporting for inspection, and later the first-place award, are the members of the Southwest Region Drill Team.



Photo by Capt. James Kalemis, Illinois Wing

bus outside Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana after winning the Southwest Region. Then, there was the sweet victory in Dayton.

The sweat and long days and nights of each level of competition had paid off!

“It was a very challenging task, but at the end of the competition, we knew we had finally competed as a champion team should. We, as a team, are very proud to have been part of this competition and to do as well as we did,” Hurley said. ▲

The Southeast Region Color Guard team performs during the outdoor presentation.



Photo by Capt. James Kalenits, Illinois Wing

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A Civil Air Patrol cadet gives his all during the Mile Run. Cadets who attend National Cadet Competition are well-rounded, capable of performing admirably whether running, playing volleyball, performing drill and color guard routines, taking written exams or answering panel quiz questions.



Photo by Susan Robertson, CAP National Headquarters

The Colors and Drill Girls

By Capt. Dave Stone

Historically, military drill teams, color and/or honor guards were composed of the slimmest, height-specific handsome young men, perfectly attired in pristine uniforms; moving with one mind and step; arms swinging in precise tradition as they held the pride of their unit. No need for music in this parade. They make their own with each tap of shoe or command — an orchestra of discipline, training and dedication.

Then, something happened to modify tradition. Bobby pins and French braids appeared on the competition arena as females joined the elite fraternity of close order drill competition.

Cadet Col. Olivia Barrow is among the modifiers.

“There is something about drill that is exciting ... the comradery, practice sessions and planning leading up to competition,” said Barrow, a member of the North Carolina Wing’s drill team.

“I love being on the color guard,” said Cadet Basic Stephanie Carson of the Michigan Wing’s Oakland Composite Squadron. “I enjoy the team work and all the practices.”

“At first I felt like I was treated differently,” she added, “but, as the guys got to

know me, things got better.”

Cadet Sr. Airman Michelle Toby of the Utah Wing’s Cache Valley Composite Squadron noted that her four-cadet color guard has three females and one male. She said drill team competition provides a great opportunity for young women to learn leadership.

“I would like to see more females competing,” said Toby, whose team won the Rocky Mountain color guard competition in 2007.

Cadet Maj. Lindsay Davis of the Arizona Wing’s Cottonwood Squadron 212 is also one of three girls on her team. “We have really bonded,” she said.

Another Arizona Wing member, Cadet 2nd Lt. Laura Beck of Tucson Composite Squadron 105, said, “meeting common goals and overcoming challenges is exciting.” She has been on the team for two months.

How do the fellows feel about this? Cadet Airman John Cardall of the North Carolina Wing drill team perhaps summed it up best: “Anyone who wants to work hard, attend practices and give it their all is more than welcome.” ▲

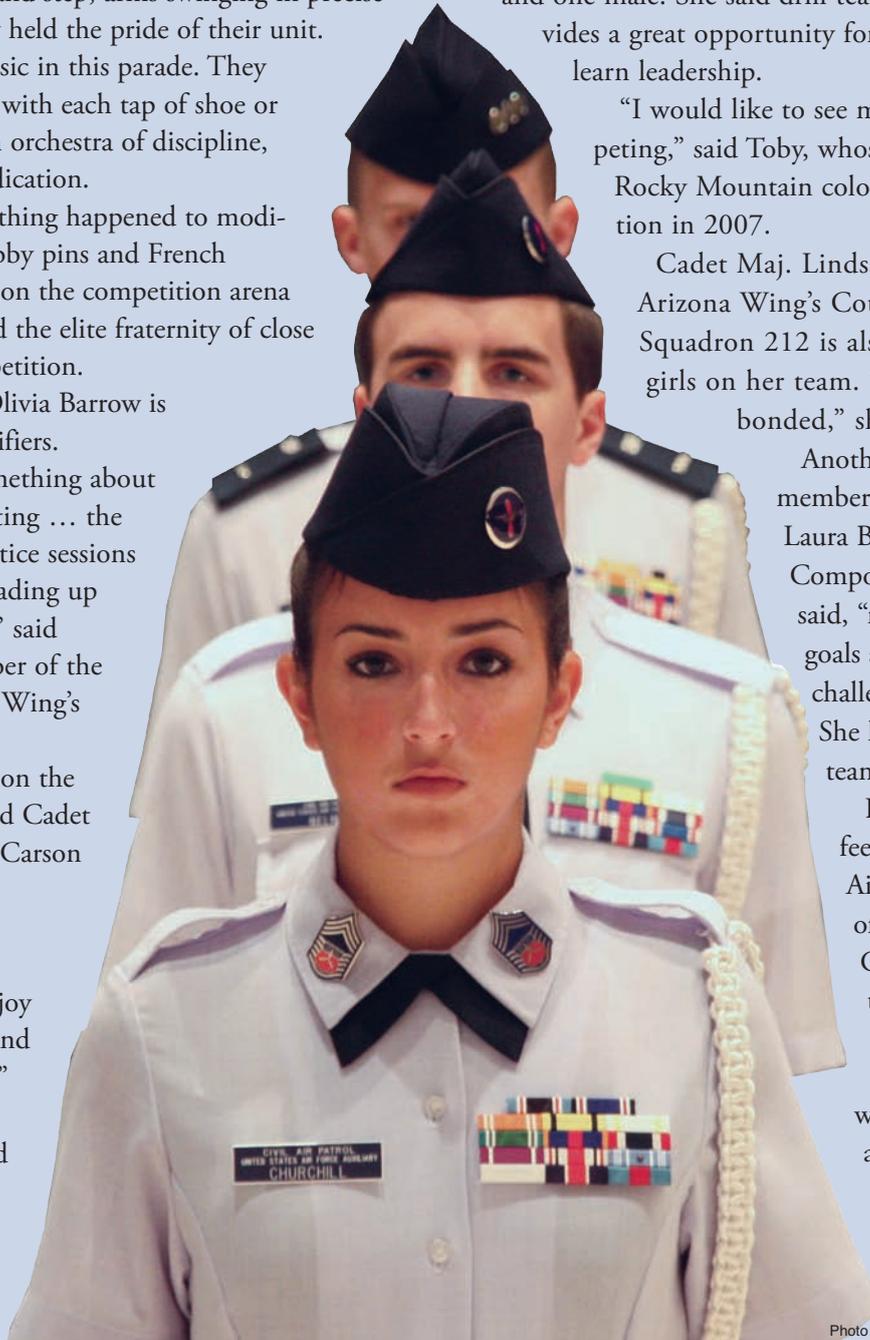
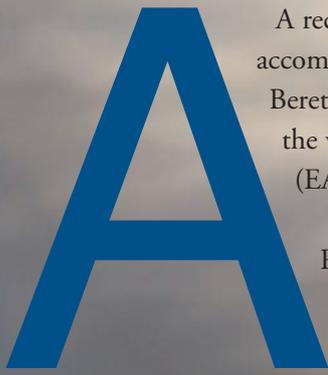


Photo by Capt. James Kalemis, Illinois Wing

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A record turnout of 128 CAP cadets representing 38 wings and accompanied by 41 senior members participated in National Blue Beret 2008 in Oshkosh, Wis., playing a key role in the success of the world's largest air show, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture Oshkosh.

“National Blue Beret is an amazing experience,” said Col. Regena Aye, executive officer for the event. “The best part is watching the change that occurs in the cadets and seeing what they are capable of accomplishing.”

Aye was the right hand to Col. Austyn Granville, who served as activity director for the third year in a row. He, too, was impressed with the cadets who attended, and he attributed the program's success to them.

“They were a very motivated and dedicated group,” Granville said. “The senior members were outstanding and very professional.”

As they do every year, Blue Beret participants served as a major source of support at what is known as the “World's Greatest Aviation Celebration.” This year's EAA event, held July 27-Aug. 3, attracted aviation enthusiasts from 75 countries and record crowds, despite high gas prices and a struggling economy, according to *EAA AirVenture Today*.

To be considered for National Blue Beret, CAP cadets must be 16 and are carefully screened before being chosen.

Cadets who attend Blue Beret are able to see all three of CAP's missions — aerospace

By Lenore Vickrey

A background image showing the silhouettes of a crowd of people against a bright sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect. The silhouettes are dark against the bright orange and yellow sky. The people appear to be looking towards the right side of the frame, possibly towards an event or formation.

Evening formation for retiring the colors painted a picturesque scene.

Blue Berets

Dedicated cadets provide needed support for world's largest air show



education, emergency services and cadet programs — in action. “Maj. Lou Volpato provided many aerospace education opportunities and enrichment activities for the cadets,” said Aye, including the opportunity to meet around-the-world aviator Dick Rutan and the Misty Pilots, a special group of pilots who flew top-secret missions over North Vietnam.

While it began with an encampment-like atmosphere as cadets were trained, Blue Beret soon transitioned into a mission in which leaders were chosen and flights were formed. Cadets were able to practice their aircraft marshalling skills on the flight line for ultralights, said Aye. At headquarters they performed KP duty, cleaned the barracks and controlled access to the facility. For the EAA’s Warbirds, they assisted with crowd control and kept people off the active runway.

Within emergency services, an NBB mission sub-base operated under the direction of the Wisconsin Wing. Senior members and cadets worked with the FAA to obtain tail number counts, pursued emergency locator transmitter missions, conducted ramp checks and searched for overdue aircraft, resulting in an impressive total of 54 overdue searches and 23 ELT searches, Granville said.

“CAP personnel were credited with 33 overdue finds and 14 ELT finds, for a total of 47 finds for the activity,” he said. “So while we come and work with the EAA, we are also performing our CAP ES mission simultaneously for the duration of AirVenture.”

“Two special details this year involved cadets serving as escorts for Harrison Ford and John Travolta,” both aviation enthusiasts,



Blue Beret executive officer Col. Regena Aye and activity director Col. Austyn Granville said the 2008 cadets’ performance was impressive.

Photos by 1st Lt. Daren Jaeger, Texas Wing



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Aye said. “The cadets lined up and the stars walked past them to the stage to introduce movies and then back to their courtesy vehicles.” Ford was especially kind to air show visitors, pausing for photos and talking to participants, Granville said.

Granville has been to several Blue Beret programs in recent years in a leadership capacity, and he said this year’s stood out because of how smoothly things ran. “We were tasked with more duties, but overall the entire operation went very well. That is a tribute to the cadets who attended,” he said, as well as to the staff’s preparation. The weather also cooperated, which hasn’t always been the case.

“The president of EAA, Tom Poberezny, said he was very impressed with our performance, and that we were definitely a major part of the AirVenture program in

terms of support. We received a personal thank-you from the Warbirds, and the OSI (Air Force Office of Special Investigations) was so impressed, they want to come back and do more with the cadets.

“People have no idea how intense this really gets,” he added. “So it’s amazing how well it went. CAP is always out in the forefront of this activity.”

For cadets who are thinking about trying for Blue Berets in 2009, both Granville and Aye have a few words. “You come to work, but you have a lot of fun, too,” said Granville. “It’s a long, tiring day, but a rewarding day.”

Aye added, “Every year I am impressed by their dedication to improving themselves. While I think many cadets come to Oshkosh to get a beret, most leave having become a Blue Beret.” ▲

The fun continues...



Photo by Susan Robertson, CAP National Headquarters

Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Chatham Harris of the South Carolina Wing uses an anemometer to determine wind speed and direction at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. Harris and other cadets who attended the Air Force Weather Agency Familiarization Course received training in weather interpretation, contour mapping, severe-weather analysis and storm spotting.

Photo by Capt. Sam Streger, Colorado Wing



Cadet 2nd Lt. Cassandra Carlisi of the Utah Wing sits in an ASK21 at the National Glider

Academy in Hobbs, N.M. Sixteen Civil Air Patrol cadets relished the joy and wonder of powerless flight at the academy, where gliders were towed aloft and then cut loose before gently making their way back to earth. Cadets also took part in glider academies in Illinois and Georgia.

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Cadet 2nd Lt. Esther Rea of the Maryland Wing, left, and Cadet Capt. Lori Hoffman of the New Jersey Wing stand in formation at the National Honor Guard Academy at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md. Cadets received training in four honor guard elements — ceremonial/demonstration, colors, funeral and drama.



Photo by Capt. Tim Medeiros, Florida Wing



Cadet 2nd Lt. Lucas Eggenberger, left, of the Missouri Wing looks on as Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Vini Ho Chee checks the aileron hinge of a Civil Air Patrol aircraft at the National Powered Flight Academy at Camp Ashland, Neb. Twenty-three CAP cadets enjoyed the opportunity to solo there. Dozens of other cadets took part in three other powered flight academies held in Virginia, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

CAP Cadets on the Go

International Air Cadet Exchange Makes the World a Smaller, Friendlier Place

By Kimberly L. Wright

Harry Mintono of Hong Kong and Yariv and Nate of Israel relax during a sightseeing trip in Washington, D.C. Editor's note: Due to concerns about security, the Israeli visitors were only identified by their first names.



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The activities of Civil Air Patrol cadets spanned the globe this summer as part of International Air Cadet Exchange. Seventy CAP cadets visited either Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Turkey or the United Kingdom, and cadets from those countries visited the United States.

The program, now 60 years old, promotes international friendship and understanding through a common focus on aviation.

OUT-OF-COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

In Singapore, Cadet Lt. Col. Sebastian Van Dintel of the New Hampshire Wing's Highlanders Cadet Squadron, Cadet Col. Janice Watson of the Maryland Wing's Easton Composite Squadron and their escorting officer, Maj. Joe Winter, Maryland Wing director of cadet programs, joined cadets and escorts from other countries as guests of the National Cadet Corps (Air) and the Republic of Singapore Air Force.

They participated in typical cadet activities, such as flying radio-controlled craft, and field-training exercises, including high and low rope courses and a paintball challenge. They also visited numerous air bases, met government officials and experienced Singapore culture during visits with local host families. Sightseeing included the National Orchid Garden, the zoo and Singapore Flyer, the world's largest observation wheel.

Van Dintel, who plans to major in international studies at Cedarville University in Ohio, where he will attend as a freshman on an Army ROTC scholarship this fall, was pleased to get a jump-start on his studies.

"My exchange to Singapore was a fantastic opportunity to be able to see how cadets from all

Maj. Joe Winter, left, and Cadet Col. Janice Watson, both of the Maryland Wing, and Cadet Lt. Col. Sebastian Van Dintel of the New Hampshire Wing visited Singapore through the International Air Cadet Exchange program.

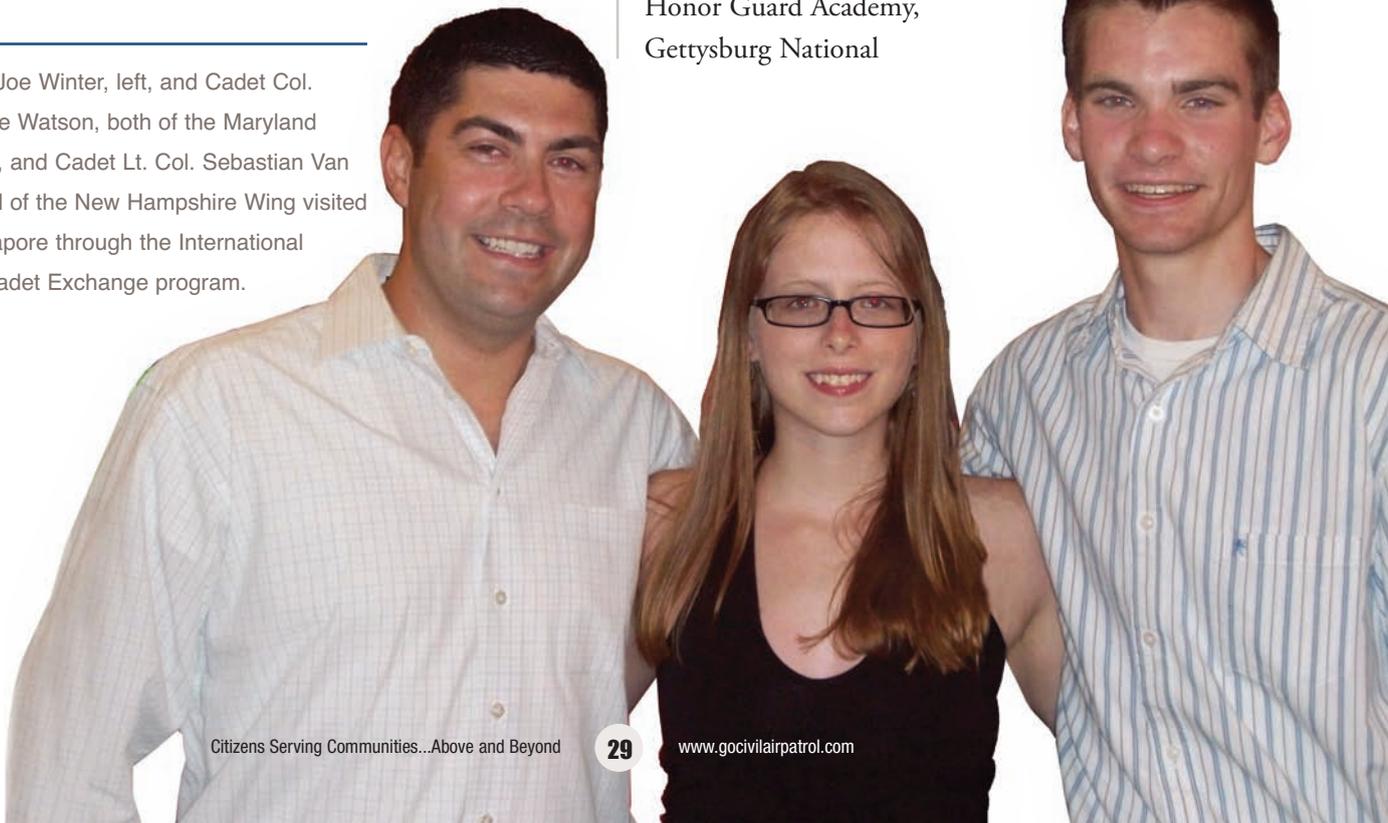
over the world have the same love for aviation no matter how different the culture," he said. "The way the National Cadet Corps ran the exchange was truly outstanding and a tribute to how well their cadet program is run."

STATESIDE HOSPITALITY



CAP members in 14 wings participated in IACE without leaving the country by hosting youth from other nations and participating in aviation-related events alongside them. The visiting cadets' American journey began in Washington, D.C., where they met government officials and toured the nation's capital.

Similar to their American counterparts abroad, CAP's international guests experienced a variety of activities, both cultural and aviation-related. The Maryland Wing hosted five IACE participants from Hong Kong and Israel. The cadets stayed with host families, were treated to orientation flights on CAP aircraft, flew in Blackhawks sponsored by the Maryland Army National Guard and visited many sights, including the CAP National Honor Guard Academy, Gettysburg National





CAP cadets take part in maritime activities with Singapore's National Cadet Corps as part of IACE.

Battlefield, Inner Harbor in Baltimore, the Baltimore Ravens training camp and Hershey Park.

“They were all very personable and easy to get along with,” said Capt. Brenda Reed, the Maryland Wing’s public affairs officer. “They were patient with our many questions about their countries, and we answered many of their questions about the U.S. Fortunately, they spoke pretty good English.”

IN THE BLOGOSPHERE

Blog readers experienced Singapore vicariously through the accounts of Van Dintel, Watson and

Winter. In addition, Reed and the Maryland Wing’s guests from Hong Kong and Israel blogged and posted photo galleries, raising the profile of their IACE activities.

“This year one of my hopes with having different members involved was to open their eyes to the program and to encourage future participation either in going to other countries or helping host. I think it worked,” said Reed, adding, “the blog went a long way toward that goal. We have it prominently displayed on our home page (www.mdcap.org) and based on the stats, it was well visited from that link.” ▲

IACE Includes Girls!

By 2nd Lt. Norman Reames

Forty years ago this July marked a milestone in the history of Civil Air Patrol with the inclusion of women in the IACE program.

IACE began in 1947 when the leaders of the Air League of Canada suggested exchange visits with CAP wings on its border. With assistance from Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau, CAP-U.S. Air Force national commander (1947-1955), the exchange of male cadets was officially sanctioned in August 1948. The first official exchange consisted of 24 cadets and two escorts from each country.

IACE expanded from its modest beginnings to include 37 foreign countries, but remained an all-male program until July 1968. Male domination resulted from a lack of female chaperones in the participating countries. Prior to this, the girls participated in a program called Intra Region Exchange that paralleled IACE; the selection criteria were the same.

Cadet Beverly Vito, now Lt. Col. Beverly V. Pepe of the Southwest Region, was one of eight female cadets selected to participate in the first male/female IACE program.

The other seven were Pauline A. Kimball of the Northeast Region, Janice L. Maxon of the Southeast Region, Dana L. Morgenthaler of the North Central Region, Linda L. Osterhoudt of the Middle East

Region, Mary F. Russell of the Pacific Region, Rhonda D. Shapiro of the Great Lakes Region and Debra S. Smith of the Rocky Mountain Region.

According to Pepe, activities they participated in during a visit to England included a private showing of the crown jewels; tea with the lord mayor in the Tower of London; "Troilus and Cressida" at the Royal Shakespearean Theater at Stratford-upon-Avon starring Patrick Stewart (Capt. Picard of "Star Trek" fame) and Sebastian Shaw (Darth Vader of "Star Wars"); Agatha Christie's play, "The Mousetrap," the world's longest-running play at that time; and an orientation flight in a deHavilland Beaver (British military training plane). ▲



Photo by Cadet Lt. Col. Elizabeth Speer, Iowa Wing

Thirty-two IACE cadets from CAP, Canada, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom pose in front of Buckingham Palace in London. CAP was represented this year by the California, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and Tennessee wings.

A view from the Chinook and a Singapore shopping experience

The following excerpt is taken from a 2008 IACE Singapore blog, courtesy of Cadet Lt. Col. Sebastian Van Dintel, Cadet Col. Janice Watson and Maj. Joe Winter:

Last night was quite the adventure. We followed the cadet hosts to the MRT (metro) station to learn how to travel around the city on our own. We learned about all of the major stops and proceeded to head into the city district near the harbor. We went atop a building to grab a great view of the harbor lights. It was an amazing view! There were so many buildings whose reflections glanced off of the water to provide a spectacular image. We were also able to see the Singapore Flyer (which we will be visiting in the days to come) lit up at nighttime — also an amazing view.

After sufficient photograph time, we headed back down to the street for some more exploring. We found a hawkers center, which is a street lined with small stall-like food stations, and tried some more local cuisine.

We sampled satay, which is a kabob with chicken, beef and mutton in peanut sauce. Also, we tried an ice kachang, which is a multi-flavored snow cone with a mixture of beans at the bottom and adorned with sweet corn on top. We were also able to buy whole coconuts and try the milk. After our meal, we headed back to the NCC camp. When we arrived, we were treated to a snack of eggs, bananas and hotdog rolls.

— Cadet Col. Janice Watson

I know that I have blogged about how small Singapore is, but I think I need to expand a bit about how small the world is!

Last night we were split into smaller groups to explore downtown. The downtown area is so vibrant with lots of great restaurants and shops. One of our stops was at a large concert hall where we were able to catch an American

gospel choir in action.

An interesting point about the Singapore military: The mandatory age of retirement is 45, which is amazing to think about! Talk about wishful thinking. The base commander who hosted us for lunch today explained that sometimes the age restriction poses an issue with international relations as sometimes the chief of the Singapore Defense is only 45 and trying to negotiate with other foreign military delegations that have over 45 years of military service! Often he said they are looked at as being young and inexperienced. I can tell you that I've thought the complete opposite; everyone we have met carries themselves with the highest standards.

— Maj. Joe Winter

We went to the City Center and mall last night and I was able to try some of the local cuisine, which was fantastic. Played some soccer yesterday during the day but soon went in for a nap as the heat was quite tiring. The jet lag has worn off for the most part, but I find I'm really tired around early afternoon because we're 12 hours ahead so back home its night, but after six I regain most of my energy. The Chinook flight was amazing ... just can't wait till I'm able to fly helicopters! The Singapore military is very similar to the U.S. and is very efficient. The whole country is kept clean all the time. No matter where you go or what you do, you will find it to be clean, efficient and simple.

— Cadet Lt. Col. Sebastian Van Dintel

Background: Harry Mintono of Hong Kong was among the IACE students who received an orientation flight aboard a CAP Cessna.

No 'I' in COS

Cadet Officer School
teaches
leadership,
teamwork

When Cadet Capt. Austin Zeyfang of the Pennsylvania Wing struggled to cross Project X's river, Cadet Capt. Kyle Matissek of the Florida Wing helped pull his comrade across.

Photo by Susan Robertson, CAP National Headquarters

By Neil Probst

A cadet struggles across a simulated river. He can't cross alone, so he pulls himself along a cable, legs straddling the wire, arms doing most of the work. Another cadet comes to his aid and crosses with the struggling comrade in his lap.

They worked together. The team came before individual heroics.

Nearby, a group of cadets form a human ladder to

move their team to the other side of a burnt-out building located on the Project X Leadership Reaction Course.

This summer, 120 Civil Air Patrol cadets from across America came to Cadet Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., with their own ideas on leadership. They departed with a new definition.

Whole-Body And Mind Workout

In addition to Project X, participants spent 10 days on the Huntingdon College campus in Montgomery



Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala., has become a traditional site for CAP's Cadet Officer School. This year, 120 youth gathered at the college for 10 days of intense study about leadership.

listening to lectures on leadership, working together to solve problems and playing volleyball. The sport was a stress release for the cadets' demanding academic load, but even the smacking of spikes and serves was connected to the leadership curriculum.

Their leadership journey, as volunteer co-director Lt. Col. Michael Foster called the course, was as much about learning to follow as to lead.

Dr. Hank Dasinger, chief academic officer of Air University's Squadron Officer College, for example, taught the cadets about the psychology of leadership using the MBTI (Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator) method. MBTI helps people understand their own and others' personality type.

The new knowledge increases understanding of peers and helps curtail conflicts, Dasinger said.

Cadet Capt. Kyle Matissek of the Florida Wing said MBTI helped teammates understand each other during Project X.

"Before we went there, we did the Meyers-Briggs personality tests, and we discussed how we all had

Lt. Col. Robert Smith shows then-Interim National Commander Brig. Gen. Amy S. Courter how cadets in his flight dressed up their mascot, "Wilson," for the graduation dinner. Smith's flight placed second in the championship volleyball game.

different leadership styles and personalities and how we could use each others' strengths in order to make a stronger team," he said.

Battlefield Lessons

The cadets also learned about grace under pressure.

Air Force 2nd Lt. Kyle Yates, a Bronze Star awardee in Iraq, explained how he led convoys under fire and stayed the course even as comrades around him died.

Retired Air Force Col. Hank Fowler, who became a prisoner of war after his jet was shot down during the Vietnam War, talked about courage in life-threatening situations. And retired Air Force Col. John Warden, a planner of the 1991 Gulf War Air Campaign, discussed the importance of strategy, the value of thinking before acting and how his own planning process can be adapted to a variety of situations.

Plus, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Phil Chansler of Air University's AFSO21 office taught cadets Boyd's OODA (Observe-Orient-Decide-Act) loop. Participants learned how each aspect of the loop, which accentuates the need to think carefully before deciding on a course of action, can help improve performance.

The "loop" allows you to



Photo by Jim Tynan, CAP National Headquarters



At left, New Jersey Wing Cadet Capt. Carlos Pineda, left, and Puerto Rico Wing Cadet Capt. Lizbeth Roman, Ohio Wing Cadet Col. Duane McKinley and Arkansas Wing Cadet 2nd Lt. Jess Baker think and discuss how to cross the open space at the top of Project X's Pine Matterhorn. To reach the top, they formed a human ladder.

react quickly to the situation at hand and adjust strategy to ensure success.

“We’ve been applying this to everything, and I never really knew it existed,” said Cadet 2nd Lt. Serena Wedlake of the Florida Wing.

Wedlake and her comrades also learned the value of mentoring from Air University Vice Commander Maj. Gen. Stephen Miller.

Committed Staff

For the 25 Air Force and CAP volunteer faculty members who helped the cadets discover a variety of new leadership lessons, the course was equally meaningful.

Foster, a CAP member since 1970, a 24-year Air Force veteran and a 1975 COS cadet commandant, said a special poem, “The Bridge Builder,” captures the motivation to mentor youth.

The poem tells a story of two travelers meeting on a road.

“An experienced person walking down the road comes to a gap, and he stops to build a bridge. In answering a passerby who asks why he bothers to stop when he could easily go around, the first walker says, ‘I’m not building the bridge for me; I’m building it for someone else,’ and those are our cadets,” Foster said. ▲



"You can study leadership from a manual but until you come to COS and do activities like the team leadership problems and Project X, you really don't know what it's like to apply them in real-life settings."
 Cadet Capt. Jenna McCord,
 Florida Wing



"One of the big things at COS is learning to think on a higher level. We also covered critical thinking, where you have to analyze, observe, collect information, decide what you're going to do and then act on that decision."
 Cadet 1st Lt. Evan Todd,
 Ohio Wing



"The biggest thing I'm learning to do is to listen to my team and to take advice, because we're all used to being in charge and we kind of have to work through that. It's a very difficult thing to do, but we're coming around."
 Cadet 2nd Lt. David Teubl,
 New York Wing



"I'm a shy person. Before this, I wasn't really outgoing and I didn't talk much, but now that I've gotten to know my peers, I've taken what I've learned in all the seminars and my classes, and I've said (to myself), 'Just do it. Be outgoing.'"
 Cadet 2nd Lt. Laura Boehk,
 Maryland Wing

Support Team

Without year-round volunteer preparation, Cadet Officer School simply wouldn't happen. The *Volunteer* pays tribute to the following CAP and Air Force leaders who helped make the 2008 COS a success:

Directors

- Lt. Col. Steve Governale, USAF co-director
- Lt. Col. Michael Foster, CAP co-director
- Cadet Lt. Col. Chad Aukerman, CAP cadet executive officer
- Cadet Col. Elizabeth Dumont, CAP cadet executive officer

Flight Instructors

- Lt. Col. Marc Batway, USAF
- Lt. Col. Dave Guth, USAF
- Lt. Col. Mike Jackson, USAF
- Lt. Col. Don Willems, USAF
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- Lt. Col. Steven Trupp, CAP
- Maj. Todd Canale, USAF
- Maj. Eva Farrar, USAF
- Maj. Glenn Farrar, USAF
- Maj. Brandon Ford, USAF
- Maj. Margarita Mesones, CAP
- Maj. Lynn Stuart, CAP
- Lt. Joe Winter, Maryland Air National Guard
- 1st Lt. Christina Matthews, CAP

Additional support

- Capt. Janice Watson, CAP director of administration
- 1st Lt. Michael Tier, CAP technical/audiovisual support
- Tech Sgt. Steve Jonas, USAF
- Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Ewing, USAF

Background: Cadets hear a presentation on the evolution of space power from Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Hower. Participants also heard lectures on air power, strategic thinking, personality types, leadership and ethics.

Photo by Susan Robertson, CAP National Headquarters

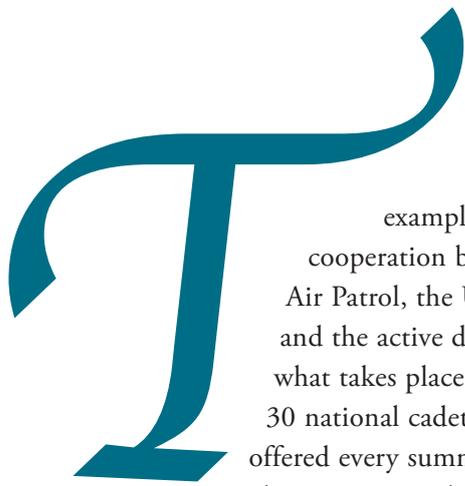
Cooperation

Air Force Reservists/Active Duty and CAP officers pull together for CAP cadets

By Capt. Steven Solomon

Cadet Master Sgt. Ryan Olson of the New Jersey Wing practices at the controls of a flight simulator.

Photos by Capt. Steven Solomon, Florida Wing



There is no better example of the close cooperation between the Civil Air Patrol, the USAF Reserves, and the active duty Air Force than what takes place at the more than 30 national cadet special activities offered every summer. And no activity has a warmer relationship between the Air Force and CAP than the

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) familiarization course held every summer at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas.

Indeed, it took the reservist staff led by SUPT director Lt. Col. Andy Applegate, a former T-37 instructor pilot; CAP senior members led by co-director Maj. Joe Winter, an officer in the Maryland Air National Guard; and many active duty airmen as well as civilian employees to pull off another successful year of a premier activity known for offering every cadet a ride in the T-1A Jayhawk, a medium-range, twin-engine jet used in the advanced phase of training for Air Force pilots selected to fly airlift or tanker aircraft.

The reservists brought rich experiences and insight to the Air Force pilot training activity, which signifi-

cantly enhanced the cadets' learning experiences well beyond the academics.

Air Force Lt. George Normandin coordinated a tour of the base tower and Radar Approach Control, base operations and formal and mission briefings, as well as observations of aircraft preflight duties and a look inside the cockpit of a T-6 with the airplane's pilot and instructor. He also arranged for the cadets to spend time on the same simulators used by actual Air Force pilots.

"Lt. Normandin did a terrific job organizing all of the activities, helped us achieve our course objectives and provided a memorable experience for 21 CAP cadets," said Applegate, noting that Normandin also arranged for the cadets to be treated to a short briefing by Col. John W. Doucette, commander of the 47th Flying Training Wing at Laughlin Air Force Base.

It was the spot-on support SUPT received on base, including lodging, meals and overall coordination, that led to the cadets being allowed to actually shadow a flight one morning while they did stand-ups, pre-flight planning and briefings; inspected the aircraft; and conducted preflight procedures.

Cadets work out the details on one of their SUPT projects.



Cadet Staff Sgt. Jerry Jacobs from California and Cadet 2nd Lt. Robin Kim from New Jersey talk to T-1A co-pilot Lt. Ryan Scott while Capt. Matt Walsh flies the aircraft.



“This wasn’t just a T-1 ride or base tour,” said Winter. “Our cadets were given the chance to play an active role in what was an ‘outside of the classroom’ learning environment and observe and even experience actual USAF student pilot training.”

Reservists took turns with CAP Capt. Steve Esh of the Nevada Wing providing instruction in a classroom in the same building and adjacent to classes being held at the same time for some of the Air Force's newest active duty officers. Subjects covered by the cadets included jet engines, aerodynamics, energy management, visual flight rules planning, instrument flight rules planning, operation limits/boldface and aerospace physiology.

“These CAP programs definitely give the cadets a leg up,” said USAF Reservist Maj. Rod Gisi, a T-1 and T-37 instructor pilot who encouraged the cadets to study everything on a handout he offered them and administered tests to ensure they memorized every detail.

Nearly 80 cadets applied for one of the less than two dozen spots at the activity. At a minimum, cadets had to be at least 15 years old and have already attended at least one wing encampment.

So, is there anything that could have improved?



After a one-hour flight at about 22,000 feet, Cadets 2nd Lt. Robin Kim of the New Jersey Wing, Capt. Jeremy Kauffman of the Missouri Wing and Staff Sgt. Jerry Jacobs of the California Wing wait for fellow A-Flight cadets to land in their T-1A, which simulated practice refueling techniques with them.

Perhaps the answer can best be summed up by Cadet 1st Lt. Austin Tallman of Tennessee, who completed the sister SUPT familiarization course at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi last year.

“Be prepared to never want to leave,” he said. “Other than that, I have no other thoughts.” ▲