



# The Gremlin



10th MN CTG Encampment

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## Brace yourself for a fantastic memorial year! Our Cadet Commander:



Cadet Colonel Laura Broker anticipates a highly effective application of the Cadet Training Group (CTG) program as the Minnesota Wing celebrates its tenth Encampment.

“Get ready for the most significant week of training in your cadet

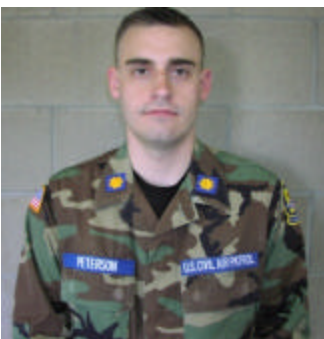
career,” said Broker, who joined the Civil Air Patrol in April 2003.

The St. Cloud native attended her first Encampment at Volk Field, Wisconsin, in 2003, and has been a fixture at such events ever since. During the 7<sup>th</sup> CTG she received the Support Staff Excellence Award. Cadet Broker was the 8<sup>th</sup> CTG Standards/Evaluation Officer. Last year she was the 9<sup>th</sup> CTG Executive Officer.

During her CAP career she has served as Flight Sergeant, Flight Commander, XO, Deputy, and Cadet Commander in St. Cloud. While attending the University of St. Thomas she moved to Viking Squadron as Cadet Staff Advisor, and later Ft. Snelling as Senior Staff Advisor. She is currently assigned at Wing Headquarters as Asst. Director of Cadet Programs. Last year C/Col Broker received the prestigious Spaatz Award.

C/Col Broker also had this to say to Encampment basic cadets: “You’ve already made the first step toward success in CAP by coming here. This week will be surmountable if you listen to your staff and learn from your teammates. Stay focused, motivated, and try your hardest at every event. Graduation is just over the hill so keep your eyes on the prize and your hard work will pay off.”

## Welcome from the Encampment Commander



**Major Conrad Peterson is back for another year as Encampment Commander.** “Basic cadets, you’re about to begin the most

beneficial week of training in your CAP career. We, the encampment staff, are proud of you for taking this step towards furthering the training you will receive in this organization. We hope as well that this week of training will also benefit you in your life outside of Civil Air Patrol. Thank you to those that have applied and we look forward to your stay at Camp Ripley. REMEMBER: we are here for business, but that does not mean that we cannot have fun taking care of business. Good luck, have fun and remember safety is always first.”

## What You Will Learn This Week

- Precise drill
- The importance of teamwork
- Self-discipline
- Time management skills
- Interpersonal relation skills
- And more.

## In-flight processing



In-processing started Friday evening at 1700 hours (5:00pm) and ran until 1900. Cadets lined up outside building 10-5 where they found out what flight they had been assigned to. They reported any medications they take to the medical staff before the Standards/Evaluation Team inspected each cadet’s luggage for any contraband. The Stand/Eval Team is responsible for supervising and executing the inspections during encampment. They set

measurable standards for the cadets' uniforms, bunks, and barracks area. They ensure that the basics work as a true team with their staff members and with each other. Following room inspection, the cadets were turned over to a Tactical Officer (TAC), a senior member that assists each cadet in balancing and integrating the requirements of the physical, military, academic, and moral-ethical programs and aspects of encampment.



### Hazing is not an option in CAP

Is Encampment demanding? Sure. Will there be expectations? Count on them. Discipline? It's a given. Hazing? It's NOT an option.

Months before Encampment the Senior Members and cadet leadership staff go through a series of training sessions including a reminder that the practice of hazing IS NOT acceptable in the Civil Air Patrol.

Hazing is any conduct whereby a CAP member, regardless if Senior Officer or cadet, regardless of rank, causes another CAP member to suffer or be exposed to any activity, which is cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning or harmful.

Soliciting or coercing another to perpetrate any such activity is also considered hazing. Hazing need not involve physical contact among or between CAP members; it can be verbal or psychological in nature.

"The primary goal of Encampment is to learn, grow, develop and be challenged," said Major Peterson. "We firmly believe hazing is not the right way to train cadets. There is no place in the CAP for people to denigrate and disrespect another individual."

### *Sunday's menu is:*

**Breakfast:** Scrambled Eggs/  
Corned Beef Hash  
Cereal  
Yogurt  
Fruit

**Lunch:** Macaroni & Cheese  
Chicken Patty Sandwich  
Salad Bar

**Supper:** Soft Tacos  
Refried Beans  
Corn  
Veggie Sticks

MILK, JUICE, & WATER ARE  
SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL

### Forecast for Saturday, June 21

Sunny to partly cloud skies with a high of 82 degrees. Winds S/SE at 5 to 15 miles per hour.

### MED Tips

- Drink a lot of water. You **must** drink at least two canteens worth each day. Yellow urine indicates that you are dehydrated; urine should be clear. If you are thirsty, it's too late!
- Do not drink any soda, coffee, or tea.
- Do not lock your knees
- Use plenty of sunscreen. Reapply it frequently.

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