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Wing Conference, "Let's Have a Great 2008"

Ms. Kirsty McCracken



In getting ready for Wing Conference, here is some information regarding the learning labs, some tables to visit and other important information.

LEARNING LAB SUBJECTS

During each time period multiple sessions will run concurrently, you choose which sessions to attend. All sessions listed will take place on Saturday, April 12.

1300-1350

Standardization/Evaluation, Operations, Professional Development, Incident Commander Meeting, Finance/Wing Banker, Homeland Security and Cadet Programs Update.

1400-1450

Standardization/Evaluation, Operations, Professional Development, Operations Qualifications/WMIRS, Public Affairs, Republican National Convention and Cadet Programs Update.

1500-1550

Aerospace Education, Uniforms, 39-1 Update, Emergency Services, Recruiting and Retention and Social Etiquette.

1600-1650

Aerospace Education, Uniforms, 39-1 Update, Glider Operations, Recruiting and Retention and Moral Leadership.

SPECIALTY FAIR PARTICIPANTS

1300-1450

Safety, Counterdrug, Communications, Recruiting and Retention and Finance/Wing Banker (1400-1450).

1500-1650

Personnel, Administration, Inspector General, Legal and Recruiting and Retention

ALL DAY SATURDAY

- Vanguard (CAP Store)
- Tailor
- Flight Simulators

Registration is open for Wing Conference! Go to www.mncap.org and follow the link on the main page.

Registration is required if you are attending any of the conference sessions. If you would like your guests to join us for any of the meals, add their meals on your form. No registration fee required for guests not attending conference sessions. One registration form per CAP member, but payments can be combined onto one check.

NEW THIS YEAR: Saturday morning there will be a short informational coffee session for your guests. Someone from the Alexandria area will share ideas of fun and exciting things to keep them busy while you attend the sessions. This will also be a great time for your family members and guests to socialize.

BACK THIS YEAR: Vanguard will again be at our conference! You can pre-order items to have delivered at the conference. Go to their website at www.civilairpatrolstore.com to start shopping. We will also have a tailor on-site to assist with sewing on insignia (patches) and minor alteration.

Any questions, please email xp@mncap.org

Don't forget your room reservations and we look forward to seeing you there!

When the Rubber Hits the Road

SM Erik Lindquist

Supply and Transportation Officers from around Minnesota Wing met on February 2 for their annual Supply and Transportation Conference that was held at the MN Wing Headquarters in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

The Minnesota Wing Commander, Col. Stephen Miller, kicked off the conference by welcoming the 28 Officers who were able to attend from around the wing. The Supply and Transportation Conference was coordinated and run by Minnesota Wing Director of Logistics, Lt. Col. Paul Adams.

Supply and Transportation Officers at the squadron level distribute & maintain the vital equipment and transportation assets assigned. They also ensure that each squadron member can perform their duties and unit assigned Search and Rescue missions successfully when called upon. This year's conference was a big success. Bringing Logistics Officers together from around the Wing helped all involved to learn and improve their logistical capabilities through comprehensive training in CAP regulations and local procedures. The conference was also instrumental in building friendships, supporting links between squadrons, and increasing the opportunities for success throughout the wing.

The 2008 Supply and Transportation Conference accomplished the following tasks. The review of CAP Transpor-

tation system, the review of CAP Supply system, the closeout of the 2007 Supply & Transportation documents, the establishment of the 2008 Supply & Transportation documents, addressed questions, conducted Logistics training, and the inspection of Minnesota Wing vehicles.

The unit Logistics Officers will now take this new knowledge and improved skills back to their squadron to begin the training of their squadron members, and improve their logistics systems to insure a well-informed and mission capable organization.



Col. Stephen Miller welcomes the wing-wide Supply and Transportation Officers at the start of the conference.



Lt. Col. Adams begins the vehicle inspection.



Lt. Col. Adams talking with Transportation Officers during the vehicle inspection session.

A Starry, Starry Night for St. Cloud Squadron Members

Capt. Richard Sprouse

"Awesome" and "cool" were some of the words used when "The Chronos," the new space simulator located on the campus of St. Cloud State University, brought the galaxies to life for members of the St. Cloud Composite Squadron.

"This gives us galaxies, nebulas and clusters of stars we couldn't see with the old projector," said Planetarium Director David Williams. The new Chronos system projects 8,500 bright, realistic pinpoints of light – more than twice as many stars as the old projector – and 24 constellations instead of just two.

The fiber optic projections of the new planetarium equipment also provide a far more precise view of the motion of the planets, zodiacal constellations and many other celestial objects.

"We hear a lot of oohs and ahhs as this new automated system that controls light, sound, music and auxiliary projectors merges everything together into a beautiful planetarium package, and it's just slick," Williams said.



Planetarium Director, Mr. David Williams presenting the galaxy to St. Cloud Squadron Members.



Orion and Taurus at the SCSU planetarium.



"The Chronos", the space simulator at the St. Cloud State University planetarium.

Anoka Squadron Cadet Accepted to USAF Academy

2nd Lt. George Supan

"It is with great pleasure and pride that I get to announce the appointment and acceptance of C/2Lt Andrew Haus to the US Air Force Academy". "The Academy, known for its exceptional standards and exemplary education, very selectively chooses who gets to attend. C/2Lt Haus clearly meets those standards," said Capt Bosshart.

C/2Lt Haus, Anoka Cadet Commander, has demonstrated his leadership abilities through the many pro-

jects that he has lead at the Anoka Composite Squadron and also at his high school where he was a leader on his hockey team. C/2Lt Haus has been a leader in the Cadet program and worked with many Cadets to help promote them to the next rank.



C/2nd Lt. Haus at the 2006 Encampment as the C/CCMSgt. (Command Chief Master Sergeant) for the 8th CTG.

Cadet Staff Picked for 10th CTG at SSE Capt. Richard Sprouse

The activity was run to near perfection by the cadet executive staff.

That's how Maj. Conrad Peterson, 2008 Encampment Commander, explained the process for 10th CTG cadet staff during the recent Staff Selection Exercise (SSE) at Camp Ripley.

"All of the cadets that applied were given the same opportunity as the next and nothing was based off of friendships. It was a very professionally run activity. We even had a cadet from Missouri Wing come up who was selected for a staff position," Maj. Peterson said.

He said the only real issue was the three vehicles that did not start Sunday morning due to the frigid temperatures. "We got it figured out and everyone was safely on their way.

The following is the 10th CTG cadet staff:

Executive Staff:

C/Col. Laura Broker, Ft. Snelling
10th CTG Cadet Commander

C/Col. Charles Cox, Ft. Snelling
Cadet Deputy Commander

C/Capt. Joshua Woodard, Crow Wing
Cadet Executive Officer

C/2nd Lt. Haylee Fosterling, St. Croix
19th Cadet Training Squadron Commander

C/Capt. Mike Kenny, Anoka
20th Cadet Training Squadron Commander

C/Capt. Patrick Vinge, North Hennepin
Staff Development Squadron Commander

Command Staff:

Command Chief Master Sergeant: C/CMSgt. Stefan Hall, Viking

19th CTS 1st Sgt.: C/SMSgt. David Blessman, North Hennepin

20th CTS 1st Sgt.: C/SMSgt Brett Bonine

Alpha Flight Commander: C/2nd Lt. William Hoffman, 130th

Alpha Flight Sergeant: C/CMSgt Nicholas Trombley,

North Hennepin

Bravo Flight Commander: C/CMSgt Corey Lundy, Viking

Bravo Flight Sergeant: C/TSgt Samuel Dicosimo, 130th

Charlie Flight Commander: C/2nd Lt. Emily Jensen, Crow Wing

Charlie Flight Sergeant: C/SrA Tim Blesi, Valley

Delta Flight Commander: C/1st Lt. Keyona Sanchez, Anoka

Delta Flight Sergeant: C/SSgt Michael Weston, St. Croix

Echo Flight Commander: C/CMSgt Benjamin Hartley, North Hennepin

Echo Flight Sergeant: C/SSgt David Trudeau, St. Croix

Foxtrot Flight Commander: C/2nd Lt. Caleb Norman, St. Croix

Foxtrot Flight Sergeant: C/MSgt David Chanski, North Hennepin

Support Staff:

Duty Officer: C/MSgt Lydia Stone, St. Cloud

Stan/Eval: C/1st Lt. Bethany Stepanek, North Hennepin

Stan/Eval Assistant: C/2nd Lt. Alex McGillick, Viking

Leadership Officer: C/2nd Lt. Mitchell McGillick, Viking

Administration: C/SSgt Elias Wiff, Viking

Commander of the Guard: C/2nd Lt. Travis Parker, Southeast MN

Information Technology: C/CMSgt Ethan Helgager, Northland

Duty NCO: C/SSgt Travis Patterson, Viking

Public Affairs Officer: C/MSgt Kristin Young, Duluth

Logistics Officer: C/2nd Lt. Joshua Carr, Springfield Regional (Missouri Wing)

The next activity is the Encampment Staff Training Weekend scheduled for 14-16 March at Camp Ripley. The 53,000-acre National Guard training facility will host Encampment 21-28 June.

Everyday Heroes in Northland Squadron

1st Lt. Robin Helgager

Civil Air Patrol Cadets from the Northland Squadron, Bemidji, MN have real life heroes teaching their classes. 1st Lt. Carolyn Flack is the squadron's Medical Officer on Monday nights. The rest of the week, she works as an EMT for Bemidji Ambulance saving lives.

Lt. Flack brings her Medical training and experience as a former Civil Air Patrol Cadet Commander to the classes she teaches at the squadron. Classes have included showing the cadets how a backboard works and the importance of securing the patient properly. The cadets learned how to work as a team getting the patient ready for transport and how to carry the patient safely.

On a recent Monday night, cadets were treated to a first hand look at the inside of an ambulance, Lt. Flack calls her "Office on Wheels". Cadets

were shown some of the different ways to monitor a patients vital signs, how to stop bleeding and the favorite question, "How do you decide who gets to drive!"

1st Lt. Carolyn Flack is one of the many "everyday Heroes" at the Northland Composite Squadron serving her community and making a difference with kids.



Top photo: 1st Lt. Carolyn Flack teaching cadets in the ambulance.



Bottom photo: From left to right Lt. Flack and Cadets Stinar, Pierce, Foy, Coutlee, Mandrell, Phillips, Heinonen and Edgell.

Lunar Eclipse Seen Clear

Maj. Conrad Peterson

On February 20 we had a unique opportunity to see a total lunar eclipse through crystal clear skies.

A lunar eclipse can only take place at Full Moon and only if the Moon passes through some portion of the Earth's shadow.

The eclipse on February 20 lasted just under 3 hours and 30 minutes with the Moon being in the Earth's shadow for about 50 minutes.

Lunar eclipses, unlike a solar eclipse, are completely safe to watch. Protective filters and telescopes are not necessary to view a lunar eclipse. The best way is to use a standard pair of binoculars. Binoculars will also make the red coloration brighter to view.

The next total lunar eclipse to be visible to North America will not happen until December 21, 2010.



Image is Everything By Lt. Col. Dan McDowell

Perception

Civil Air Patrol has always prided itself on presenting its image to the public as one of correct military bearing, professionalism and confident strength. This "image" is most often easy to see when air and ground teams are on an official search mission, or when Cadets (for instance) are in a formal competition such as the Drill Team Competition.

There is no mistaking that image.

"Image is everything". Along with that phrase one finds, "Perception is reality". The point is that the image you as individuals and as a group present, whether in public or in a purely CAP function, can give people who are not a part of your group or action a very bad impression of you or perception of CAP in general. What they see IS their perception of you and your organization. And their perception IS their reality. You may not have an opportunity to correct that misperception, and that person may go away with a very negative feeling about you and CAP.

Protocol

Protocol is designed to let members know what to expect in a given situation. For most of us it is a combination of military traditions, etiquette and common sense. Knowing these guidelines will help everyone feel and act more confidently and in a more comfortable manner in any given situation.

CAP like any other military type organization has many clearly establish guidelines and rules for how things should be done, or not

done, as the case calls for. Protocol is a set of guidelines that helps to assure the correct and consistent standardization of methods and rules for operations of functions and etiquette across the entire organization. You should know the rules and guidelines for a formal banquet here in Minnesota. Those same protocols should be clearly evident and practiced in Nevada or any other State (Wing). There may be local nuances that reflect the local culture or conditions but a formal CAP banquet should be by and large the same in every Wing.

Protocol and proper conduct are not an option for military organizations like CAP. They are a must to maintain proper order and decorum at all times. Without the group or event can fall into chaos and disarray. That alone can destroy an organization or event.

Practice

This year at Wing Conference we have the honor of witnessing a formal change of command ceremony. For many this will be a new and exciting event. This will take place at the banquet. It is important to remind EVERYONE that the Banquet IS a formal event. That's why the Mess Dress uniform is worn and the ladies will often wear evening gowns and other formal wear.

The Banquet is not a dining-in. The Banquet DOES have civilians and VIP's in attendance. With that in mind it is imperative that EVERY member act in strict accordance to proper decorum and etiquette from start to finish in the Banquet and throughout the conference. Again, this is NOT an option. It is a requirement.

Though the Banquet is meant to be a joyous and pleasant social event, the nature of its official formality must be clear to all and the personal choice of actions and attitudes is the responsibility of each member in attendance. YOU are responsible for you.

It is highly inappropriate for any one at any time during the Banquet to call out "whoop" "hooah" or any other outcall. Again this is NOT a Dining-In where that kind of relaxed informality may be acceptable. This type of action will cause the individual or individuals to be removed from the banquet at that point.

The Wing Banquet is a formal affair and there will be a General Officer and high ranking civilians present. All members whether Cadets or Officers are required to act with professionalism and adhering to proper etiquette. Failure to do so is unacceptable and reflects negatively on the entire Wing. Bear in mind that any civilians and even military personal may be potential sponsors or supporters of CAP and specifically this Wing. Improper action can leave them with a bad perception of our Wing.

Protocol is a combination of military traditions, etiquette and common sense. Presenting the proper image to our members, invited guests, and civilians in attendance, is very important. Let us all show, without fail, our professionalism and class. Image is everything.

Letter From the Editor

Maj. Conrad Peterson

Hard to believe that Wing Conference is only about a month away. It will be a big year with the Change of Command ceremony and our first year in a new venue. I recently had the opportunity to visit Arrowwood Resort. It is a great place and promotes an excellent family activity with the indoor water park.

On Monday, March 3, Col. Miller went over some of his notes from the Winter National Board meeting. One of the items that was brought up was that the command patch and BDU tape will no longer have US on them. The BDU tape will

go back to "Civil Air Patrol." Watch for further updates on phase-in time.

At the March 3 staff meeting I announced that I will be stepping down as Wing Director of Aerospace Education. Lt. Col. Blaze Cunningham, Red Wing Squadron AEO, will be replacing me at Wing Conference. Please join me in congratulating Lt. Col. Cunningham. He will do an outstanding job.

Lt. Col. John Quilling will be going in for back surgery on Monday, March 10. Keep Lt. Col. Quilling in your thoughts and prayers and wish him a speedy recovery.

As in the last few issues, be sure to look for the gremlin. He is not part of the magazine logo or on the patch of the members in any photos.

Looking forward to the next issue:

-Lock-in and Volleyball Competition

-Red Wing Squadron member celebrates 30 years

-A Matter of Honor

-And much more!

Awards and Promotions

Officer Promotions

NCO

Charles Otto, Mankato

Second Lieutenant

Jonathan Koski, North Hennepin
Robert Schroeder, North Hennepin
Scott Richardson, Saint Croix
Noelle Plumley, Red Wing
John Rinken, Viking
Rand Settell, Valley

First Lieutenant

Jacqueline Watt, North Hennepin

Captain

John Bruns, St. Cloud
Jason Suby, Viking

Major

Joel Stepanek, North Hennepin
Janelle Gates, Valley
Daniel Fosterling, St. Croix

Cadet Awards

Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell

Nathaniel Roesler, Red Wing
Ethan Helgager, Northland
Benjamin Hartley, North Hennepin
Alexander Selner, Fort Snelling

Wright Brothers

Derek Cash, St. Cloud
Anthony Coutlee, Northland
Andrew Prestegaard, St. Paul
Tim Blesi, Valley

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Calendar

Schedule of Events

- March 14-16: Encampment Staff Training Weekend at Camp Ripley. Contact: Maj. Conrad Peterson
- March 29-30: Scanner Course at So. St. Paul Airport. Contact: Maj. Jeff Knutson.
- March 29-30: Check Pilot Examiner Seminar at Wing HQ. Contact: Capt. Mike Hartell.

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