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Cover image: *C/Capt Suing on the steps of a T-38 Talon at SUPT-FC*. Additional information can be found in his article on page 7. (Courtesy of C/Capt Suing)

A WORD FROM OUR TEAM

Hello,

Welcome to the third edition of the NEWG Cadet Newsletter. This year has been a blast with all the activities that went on such as, the SAREXS, Cadet Competition, NCOS, and many, many more things we did. I would like to thank those who put an effort into making this Newsletter possible, so thank you, Lt Col Gross, Maj Gerena, 1t Lt Smith & C/1t Lt Nimneh.

I would also like to thank our contributors who took time out of their days to write some of the featured articles SM Daffer, C/Capt Suing, C/MSgt Laughbaum, & C/MSgt Pageler. Thank you all!

Next I would like to address an issue with the NEWG Cadet Newsletter, myself and C/1t Lt Nimneh are taking on leadership roles in CAC which means that we won't be able to make as much time anymore for the newsletter. After saying this I would like to make it clear to everyone that this newsletter will continue but under a new Editor-In-Chief. If you want more information on this topic turn to page 6.

Let's jump into the new year and make 2026 even better than 2025! One of the ways we can do this is participating in the many opportunities that CAP has given you.

If you have any questions, please let us know in the feedback form at the back of this newsletter or by contacting your squadron's representative.

Semper Vigilance,

C/Capt RSeamann

C/Capt Seamann

Editor-In-Chief

CADET ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

CAC Business:

The CAC held their first meeting of Fiscal Year 2026 on 12 October. This meeting welcomed the 2026 team whose names can be found at the back of this newsletter. We are looking forward to working with the Wing this year to help solve a few problems, host some events and, of course, make NEWG even better!

Project Updates:

- **NEWG Discord Project–Exist somewhere in NEWG.**
- **Flugtag–Awaiting a new team.**
- **Recruiting & Growth–Continued project for CAC 2026 term.**
- **Wing Newsletter–Continued project of CAC.**
- **Renaming Achievement 5–See page 5.**

A Word from The Chairman

Greetings Cadets,

One of the exciting projects the CAC has been doing is this very newsletter. It's an important way to share information across the Wing and keep every cadet connected. Through this effort, we hope to highlight opportunities, celebrate achievements, and strengthen communication throughout the wing.

The Cadet Advisory Council exists to represent your voice. Every squadron has a seat at the table, and your ideas, suggestions, and recommendations are what guide us. The CAC listens and takes cadet voices into consideration as we work to make Civil Air Patrol even better. I encourage every cadet to reach out to your squadron's CAC representative and share your thoughts.

C/1st Lt Nimneh

Chairman CAC

UPCOMING EVENTS

Renaming Achievement 5

C/Capt Seamann & The RNACH5 Team

Before you continue: Achievement 5 is still currently named "Achievement 5." This team is attempting to rename the Achievement. I will try to add information to the Newsletters on this project every edition.

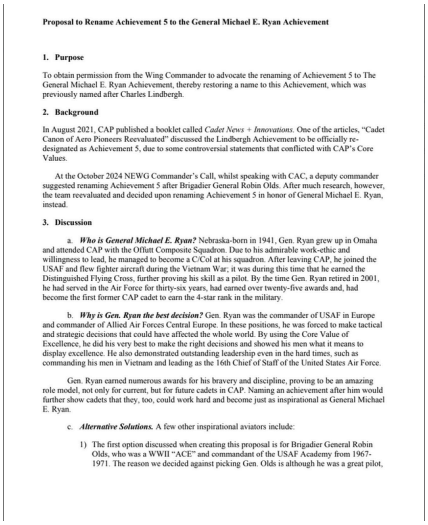


Have you ever wanted to name an Achievement in CAP? Well, a team of cadets on the CAC have recently completed their part in **RENAMING** an Achievement.

Before continuing on with this article there are a couple things you should know (1) This team has only completed the Wing level work and nothing has been sent up to National. (2) Achievement 5 (C/MSgt) has been unnamed since October of 2021. (3) Achievement 5 has not yet been renamed but this team is attempting to rename it.

The project team named the project the "Renaming Achievement 5 project" or more simply "RNACH5" The project officially started on 29 OCT 2024 and was headed by C/Capt Seamann (155th Composite Squadron) with extreme assistance from C/CMSgt Johnson, C/SSgt Turner (Offutt Composite Squadron) and Lt Col Gross (Wing Staff).

The original idea for this project was to name it the "**Brigadier General Robin Olds Achievement**" Gen Olds was a World War II and Vietnam War Veteran with 17 aerial 'Kills' between the two conflicts making him a fighter 'ACE'. He was also the Commandant of the United States Air Force Academy from 1967- 1971. In 1972 Gen Olds offered to be demoted to Colonel so he could help train fighting techniques to new pilots which, however, never happened.



Proposal to Rename Achievement 5 to the General Michael E. Ryan Achievement

1. Purpose

To obtain permission from the Wing Commander to advocate the renaming of Achievement 5 to The General Michael E. Ryan Achievement, thereby restoring a name to this Achievement, which was previously named after Charles Lindbergh.

2. Background

In August 2021, CAP published a booklet called *Cadet News + Innovations.* One of the articles, "Cadet Canon of Aero Pioneers Reevaluated" discussed the Lindbergh Achievement to be officially re-designated as Achievement 5, due to some controversial statements that conflicted with CAP's Core Values.

At the October 2024 NEWG Commander's Call, whilst speaking with CAC, a deputy commander suggested renaming Achievement 5 after Brigadier General Robin Olds. After much research, however, the team reevaluated and decided upon renaming Achievement 5 in honor of General Michael E. Ryan, instead.

3. Discussion

a. ***Who is General Michael E. Ryan?*** Nebraska-born in 1941, Gen. Ryan grew up in Omaha and attended CAP with the Offutt Composite Squadron. Due to his admirable work-ethic and willingness to lead, he managed to become a C/Col at his squadron. After leaving CAP, he joined the USAF and flew fighter aircraft during the Vietnam War; it was during this time that he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, further proving his skill as a pilot. By the time Gen. Ryan retired in 2001, he had served in the Air Force for thirty-six years, had earned over twenty-five awards and, had become the first former CAP cadet to earn the 4-star rank in the military.

b. ***Why is Gen. Ryan the best decision?*** Gen. Ryan was the commander of USAF in Europe and commander of Allied Air Forces Central Europe. In these positions, he was forced to make tactical and strategic decisions that could have affected the whole world. By using the Core Value of Excellence, he did his very best to make the right decisions and showed his men what it means to display excellence. He also demonstrated outstanding leadership even in the hard times, such as commanding his men in Vietnam and leading as the 16th Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.

Gen. Ryan earned numerous awards for his bravery and discipline, proving to be an amazing role model, not only for current, but for future cadets in CAP. Naming an achievement after him would further show cadets that they, too, could work hard and become just as inspirational as General Michael E. Ryan.

c. ***Alternative Solutions.*** A few other inspirational aviators include:

1) The first option discussed when creating this proposal is for Brigadier General Robin Olds, who was a WWII "ACE" and commandant of the USAF Academy from 1967-1971. The reason we decided against picking Gen. Olds is although he was a great pilot,

After LOTS of studying the team decided to transfer from Gen Robin Olds to a younger pilot named General Michael E Ryan. Gen Ryan is a former cadet of the Offutt Cadet (now Composite) Squadron where he earned his Certificate of Proficiency Award (COP was the forerunner to the Spaatz Award which wasn't created until 1964) in the early 1950s. He also flew 100 missions in the Vietnam War where he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an F-4 Pilot" and "His

actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States." Gen Ryan also served as the United States 16th Chief of Staff Air Force from 1996-2001.

Over the course of several months the team created a PowerPoint slideshow and an Advocacy paper which were to be presented to the Wing Commander, Col Plum, on 22 JUN 2025. Col Plum then approved the CAC to escalate this project to the Region CAC for discussion and escalation to the Region Commander, Col Thies, and eventually the National Commander, Gen Aye. If this project gets approved, Achievement 5 will be renamed the "**General Michael E Ryan Achievement.**"

Special thanks go to my team; Lt Col Gross, C/CMSgt Johnson & C/SSgt Turner. Thank you, Col Plum, for approving us to escalate this to RCAC!

A Need for a New Team-Passing the Pen

NEWG Newsletter Team



Greetings cadets! For the last 6 months the NEWG Cadet Newsletter team has consisted of two cadets (C/Capt Seamann and C/1st Lt Nimneh) and three senior members (Lt Col Gross, Maj Gerana & 1t Lt Smith). We are looking for new team members to replace C/Capt Seamann and C/1t Lt Nimneh so that this newsletter can continue. The Editor-In-Chief will remain a Cadet Advisory Council member, however, editors may now be any cadet in Nebraska Wing who attain the rank of C/SSgt and above.

Cadets interested in being an editor should:

1. Have good grammar.
2. Be able to edit articles.
3. Attend Wing activities so that they can provide imagery and articles.
4. Be active in their squadron.
5. Prepare and create the Newsletter.

If you are interested in fulfilling this position, please submit an article to the Cadet Advisory Council via your squadron representative so that it can be reviewed by the CAC for consideration.

The current team will continue to provide articles and edit the newsletter but will no longer be able to manage it due to our other obligations in the CAC (Vice Chairman & Chairman).

We look forward to watching the new team conquer this challenge and make the newsletter even better than before.

If you have any questions please contact your local CAC representatives, which can be found near the end of this newsletter.

PAST EVENTS

Nebraska Wing Cadet Takes Flight in Fighter Jet

C/Capt Suing



C/Capt Tyler Suing, a member of the 155th Composite Squadron, received the opportunity to take an incentive ride in a T-38C talon at the 2025 Columbus AFB SUPT-FC.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course (SUPT-FC) is a National Cadet Special Activity (NCSA) designed to expose students to what United States Air Force pilot training is like. During the weeklong activity, students engage in many activities including but not limited to classes, testing, hands-on activity, tours of Air Force training facilities, Air Force simulator flights, face-to-face interaction with Air Force instructors and leadership, and incentive flights. This NCSA is perfect for anyone who is thinking about becoming an Air Force pilot.

My experience at SUPT-FC was an absolute blast. Like I mentioned in the last paragraph, this NCSA is for people who want to become Air Force Pilots, and it does that job perfectly. It was very academically rigorous, but the reward was worth it. SUPT-FC is the best activity I have ever done in Civil Air Patrol. I will never forget this experience, and it has set me on my path of becoming an Air Force pilot. One of the tests you must take is called the Boldface/Ops limit. This front and back sheet must be memorized verbatim and then written to perfection again. Every letter on this sheet must be exact. This is done for a reason, it is done so that in an emergency, which is what the boldface is, you can without thinking execute the actions that could save your life. It becomes automatic, and I can months later still rehearse the boldface, and that will most likely not change for the foreseeable future. These tests do challenge you, however they are beneficial. These tests teach you excellent note taking and studying skills, helping for your future education. If you have an academic average of 80% or higher and pass boldface, you earn a pair of Air Force pilot wings. These wings are not for wear on the uniform; they are a physical reminder of the goal of becoming an Air Force Pilot. The top 5 from this class got the chance to fly in a T 38C fighter jet trainer



My experience flying a fighter jet was unforgettable, beyond incredible. The roar of the engine and the speed is something that not many people get to experience. The sortie was a 4-ship

formation with a focus on turning rejoins. We also did a G awareness exercise, where I pulled 5.4 Gs. At that moment in time my body weighed in at a whopping 972 pounds. Moving in that environment is difficult but possible with training. The rejoining was very successful, and looking over the wings and seeing other T-38s about 10 feet away from your airplane is a feeling that will never be forgotten. ***My biggest advice to anyone looking to do this NCSA or anything within the Civil Air Patrol is to keep pushing yourself and your wingman, and make them tell you no.***



Omaha Composite Squadron Promotes Cadets in Monthly Ceremony

SM Daffer

OMAHA, Neb. (Aug. 5, 2025) — The Omaha Composite Squadron recognized the achievements of its cadets during its regular monthly promotion ceremony held Monday, continuing its commitment to developing leadership and aerospace knowledge through the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program.

Each month, eligible cadets who meet the program's rigorous academic, physical fitness, and leadership requirements are promoted in rank. This cycle, 31% of the squadron's 55 cadets advanced in their cadet careers.

Among those promoted were four cadets who earned the General John F. Curry Achievement, marking their first step in the program and formally entering them into the cadet ranks. Also promoted were four cadets who achieved the grade of Cadet Staff Sergeant (C/SSgt), a significant milestone that demonstrates sustained performance and leadership potential.

"It took quite a while to get here, and I'm very proud of my progress," said C/Airman Bourgeois, who recently earned his first promotion. He added that his current goal is to work hard toward earning the Wright Brothers Award, which signifies the completion of Phase I of the cadet program.

C/SSgt Wood also reflected on his journey through the program: "I feel like I've made it a long way, but there's more to go." His advice to newer cadets: "Keep going, keep promoting — it feels like a lot at the beginning, but it gets better as it goes on."

Providing guidance to both new and advancing cadets, C/1st Lt Hineman offered: "Find your group, and find an activity that you enjoy and others that also enjoy it." For cadet senior

noncommissioned officers preparing for their Billy Mitchell Award, he advised, “Find an officer to guide you through it.”

The Omaha Composite Squadron meets Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:30PM at Chalco Hills Recreation Area and conducts aerospace education, emergency services training, physical fitness, and character development as part of Civil Air Patrol’s cadet program, which serves youth ages 12 to 18.

Cadets Present Colors at Multiple Events

C/MSgt Pageler

This summer the 155th Composite Squadron was given the opportunity to present the colors at several occasions. They got to present the colors at four SaltDogs games, two in May and two in August. The SaltDogs played the Winnipeg Goldeyes, the Kansas City Monarchs, and the Sioux Fall Canaries twice. We were able to be part of a Memorial Day remembrance event at the Immanuel Grand Lodge in Lincoln which was attended by many Veterans and retired service personnel. At the Country Club of Lincoln, they presented the colors at the beginning of a business meeting.

The color guard members who got to present at these activities are C/CMSgt Joe Pageler, who was the color guard commander, C/CMSgt Westley Morrison, C/CMSgt Josiah Morrison, C/2dLt Scott White, and C/MSgt Pageler. Everyone in the color guard spent time before meeting practicing and perfecting all of their skills. UNL Air Force ROTCmembers visited a couple times to help the squadron train for Cadet Competition. All of the time and effort that went into preparing helped them to earn opportunities that demonstrated their skills.



Notes from Lt Col Phillips' September Wing Staff Meeting Safety Briefing

Lt Col Gross

As fall approaches, it's time to think about safety prevention and preparedness.

October is National Fire Prevention Month. The month and week commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The purpose is to raise awareness regarding fire safety and fire protection. This year's theme is **Proper Charging of Electronic Devices.**

Check fire extinguishers for proper pressure. Make sure the pointer reads in the green portion of the dial. Remember to PASS – Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep the base of the fire. Replace batteries in battery-operated smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure to test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors after replacing batteries. Be mindful of space heaters that can short out or overheat and ignite a fire. Plan and practice escape plans, especially if you have a two-story home. Recycle Batteries. Check **call2recycle.org** to find a recycling location near you.

Consider Flu and Pneumonia shots; also consider a Covid booster; rain on blacktop roads after a dry spell may pose a specific issue. Oil on the rainwater may create slick road conditions. Use caution when driving on curved highways. Check furnace and fireplace vents to make sure there are no obstructions. For Fall lawn and garden chores – use hearing protection when using chainsaws, snow blowers, chippers, etc.

Check the forecast, warm during the day, cool to cold at night – hypothermia. Check for rain and other inclement weather. Check for fog, it may be clear at your location but dense fog between you and your destination. Same for rain or even snow.

Plan to take a bit longer to get to work. It gets dark earlier – factor that into your planning time to get places. Make sure your vehicle's gas tank is full in case you get caught in thunderstorms, ice storms or early snow with freezing conditions. Fall is typically a large wildlife mating season – more deer and other wildlife on the roads. Agricultural equipment may be on the roads and highways in rural parts of the state.

Use caution when driving on Gravel roads. Be cautious of cresting hills on gravel roads. Slow down as there may be a tractor with a disk or a combine or a grain truck just over the top of the hill. Be aware of wide loads, slow moving vehicles and grain trucks turning into fields or into driveways. Utilize all of your weather resources – forecasts – TV and Radio, NOAA, Weather Underground, Weather radar, etc. For pilots, observers. Make sure to check the weather at your ALTERNATE airports. **Where are you going and what is in between?**



October 5 thru 11 is Fire Prevention Week. Take time to view the video on the NFPA website.

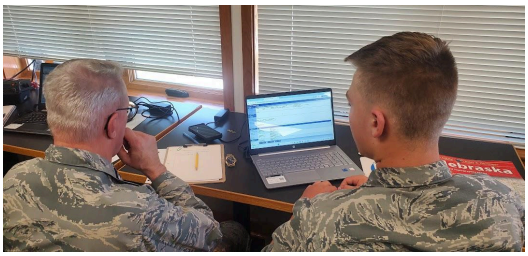
Omaha Composite Squadron Color Guard Presentations

C/1st Lt Nimneh

This fall, the Omaha Composite Squadron Color Guard has been extremely involved, since mid-September. Cadets have presented the colors at football and volleyball games across the Omaha area, gaining valuable experience while putting Civil Air Patrol in the public view. The Color Guard isn't slowing down anytime soon. As winter sports begin, the team plans to support high school basketball games and hopes to expand to college events at Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Omaha — including both basketball and hockey. For the cadets, these events are about more than just ceremony. They're a chance to practice teamwork, discipline, and leadership while connecting with the community. The squadron also hopes their presence will push for more young people to learn and get involved with the opportunities Civil Air Patrol offers in aviation, leadership, and service.

A SAREX at Chalco Hills

C/MSgt Laughbaum



On Saturday, September 13th, members from across Nebraska Wing came to a Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX). The exercise consisted of two mission scenarios where cadets and senior members could implement the skills Civil Air Patrol uses in real emergencies. The first simulated mission involved three lost teenage boys who had gone out on the Platte River in a boat. The Aircrews were tasked with locating them and giving their position to the mission base. The second scenario involved a simulated downed aircraft, where teams attempted to follow an emergency beacon and locate its position.

And while ground crew and air crew were out, I sat at mission base assisting the staff in getting things accomplished. I worked at the radio table for about an hour and a half, following flights and keeping track of information being passed back and forth. It was a great experience to see

how a mission base brings all the pieces together, and how communication is key to making each mission a success. Dividing the labor with C/Capt Seamann and other mission staff members made me see more clearly how all the pieces of a mission come together. The best thing I have learned from the wing SAREX is that teamwork is extremely precious. Aircrews, and mission personnel all have unique roles to play, but none of them can accomplish the mission alone. All the roles are important, and when they all work together, the mission is accomplished.



Fall Aviation STEM Day at Oracle Aviation, Millard Airport

Lt Col Gross

Members of the Burke Flight, Omaha Composite Squadron and Wing Staff supported the Fall Aviation STEM Day in Oracle Aviation's main hangar at the Millard Airport on Saturday September 6th. Members set up an information table and built or helped to build foam rockets for visitors at the event. "We had a good number of visitors that stopped by to ask about the Civil Air Patrol", noted Capt Melanie Boudreault, commander of the Burke unit and one of the coordinators of the CAP presence at the event. "There was a husband and wife from the UK that were involved with the Air Cadet program there; we had former military personnel that were curious how CAP was related to the Air Force; one former CAP member from the Omaha area chatted with Wing Staff members present; we had members of the Douglas County Sheriff's Drone team that inquired about our sUAS program and we built over 50 foam rockets for various age visitors."



CAP cadets who assisted were able to see the displays from other organizations including the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Burke High School's Aviation Academy, a remote control airplane club, an area model rocketry organization, the Douglas County Sheriff's drone team, an Amateur Radio display, a model jet engine club, UNO ROTC, another aviation college, plus about 2 dozen different aircraft and rotorcraft on display on the ramp. A big thank you to Oracle Aviation for hosting the event and to OCS cadets Bella Mealey, Clare Mealey, Adam Spicka; Burke cadets Steve Arul and Tommy Frain; and members of Wing Staff Capt Boudreault, Lt Col Gross and Dr (Lt Col) Weaver who helped with the event. Special thanks to C/Capt Josh Hrynkow for the donuts.

Wing Cadet Advisory Council 2026 Leadership Team

Lt Col Gross

The Wing Cadet Programs staff is pleased to announce that the following cadets have been selected to serve on the Fiscal Year 2026 Cadet Advisory Council Leadership Team:

1. **Chairman:** C/1st Lt Donald Nimneh, Omaha Composite Squadron
2. **Vice Chairman:** C/Capt Rowan Seamann, 155th Composite Squadron
3. **Recorder:** C/CMSgt Westley Morrison, 155th Composite Squadron

The following cadets have been appointed represent Nebraska Wing on the Region CAC:

1. **Primary Representative**: C/Capt Rowan Seamann
2. **Assistant:** C/1st Lt Donald Nimneh Jr.

National Headquarters Releases Updated Documents

Lt Col Gross

Please take time to review these new or revised documents as they pertain to your role.

CAPR 39-2 Civil Air Patrol Membership
CAPR 60-1 Cadet Program Management
CAPR 60-2 Cadet Protection Program
CAPS 72-2 Mission Symbols
*ICL 25-05 to CAPR 160-1 (i) Health Services
*ICL 25-04 to CAPR 130-4 prohibits supplements to CAPR 130-2
CAPP 60-12 Cadet Parent's Guide
CAPP 60-13 Cadets at School Program (supersedes CAPP 52-21)
CAPP 60-20 New Cadet Guide
CAPP 60-35 National Cadet Advisory Council Guide (replaces CAPP 52-19)
CAPP 130-3 Aircraft Maintenance Officer Guide
CAPF 60-50 Cadet Physical Fitness Category Assignment
CAPF 60-85 Cadet Independent Study
CAPVA 60-100 Cadet Super Chart full size
CAPVA 60-100 letter size
CAPVA 60-101a Personal Cadet Tracker Phase I and II
CAPVA 60-101b Personal Cadet Tracker Phase III and IV

*ICL – Interim Change Letter

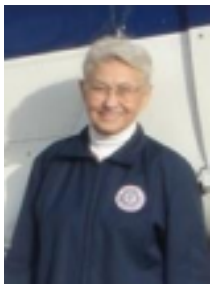
HISTORY

About The Rank: Achievement 3 & Wright Brothers Award

C/Capt Seamann

Welcome to the second addition of the ongoing series of articles in the NEWG Cadet Newsletter. In this edition we will be covering Achievement 3 and the Wright Brothers Award because in the last edition we covered Achievements 1 & 2. Enjoy!

Achievement 3: Cadet Senior Airman



Now that we know who Achievement 1 (the Curry Award) and Achievement 2 (The General "Hap" Arnold Achievement) are, we can move onto the next Achievement! Achievement 3 aka Cadet Senior Airman is named after CAPs one and only Colonel Mary Feik. Col Feik helped train crew chiefs for the U.S. Army Air Force during WW2 and logged more than 5000 hours as a flight engineer on B-29s, pilot in fighter jets, and observing on other attack, cargo, bomber and training aircraft. Col Feik was also a lifelong member of Civil Air Patrol and aerospace pioneer.


Civil Air Patrol

THE MARY FEIK ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON

The border bands of orange and blue represent the colors of the United States Army Air Corps, where Mary Feik pioneered aircraft mechanics, engineering, and flight training. The center red band recalls the epaulets worn by Civil Air Patrol members during World War II, and Mary Feik's lifelong volunteer service as a member of the United States Air Force Auxiliary. No colors intervene between the orange, blue, and red as aviation itself is unbounded. In final review, the Mary Feik Achievement Ribbon commemorates the leadership and pioneering contributions Mary Feik has made to the world of aviation.

I authorize Civil Air Patrol to use my name to inspire its cadets, America's next generation of aviation pioneers.

Mary Feik — 19 February 2004

In February of 2004 Col Feik gave CAP permission to use her name in the cadet program. In 2003 She stated: "My ultimate honor [is] the Civil Air Patrol cadet achievement created in my name."

And so, for just over 21 years Achievement 3 has been named after this great aviator.

The Wright Brothers Award: Cadet Staff Sergeant



Congratulations! You have made it to the first major milestone in CAP, the Wright Brothers Award. This is the first NCO rank in CAP. And it is named after the first men to sustain powered flight, Orville and Wilbur Wright. Although neither man was part of Civil Air Patrol, both played a huge role in CAPs history. The Wright Brothers contribution to CAP was the gift of flight of which they achieved on 17 December 1903 in Kittyhawk North Carolina. They successfully developed and flew the first functional, powered, heavier than air aircraft in the world. Before fame the Wright Brothers were inventors and entrepreneurs who owned a printing company as well as their more famous bicycle company. In 1912 at the age of 45 Wilbur passed away. His brother Oroville

passed away from a heart attack in 19481. He lived to see airplanes develop from wood and cloth slow airplanes that traveled at less than 7mph to jets made of metal with rocket engines that could travel over 670mph.



In May of 1963 CAP's Charles Webb reached out to the Smithsonian museum to ask for permission to use the Wright Brothers name in an achievement. The Smithsonian replied that it should be fine because other organizations have used their name. And, as there was no way for CAP to contact a relative of the Wrights we went ahead and used their names.

Sources:

1. Most of this text is summarized from the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.
2. NASA

NOTE: source note will be included for all articles of which information is taken from exterior sources besides the CAP website and the U.S. Air Force websites.

The Origins of the Modern Civil Air Patrol, Part I: Laying the Groundwork.

1st Lt Smith, NEWG Asst. Historian

In the years following The Great War (WWI), aviation rapidly evolved; it grew from a few daredevil adventurers to a respectable civilian enterprise. By the 1930s, thousands of Americans were invested in the aviation industry, from flying and building aircraft to advancing aeronautical sciences. During this time, both Germany and Japan were becoming increasingly aggressive, and by 1936, Germany had violated the Treaty of Versailles and Japan had invaded both Manchuria and China. Although the United States would not enter WWII until 08 December 1941, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor the day prior, American aviation began preparing for the war years in advance. The very origins of the C.A.P. Cadet Program began in 1936, when 1st Lt. Gill Robb Wilson, a former WWI United States Army Air Corps pilot, visited Germany and observed German youth launching and flying gliders while being involved in aspects of aviation education. Working with Gil Robb Wilson, the Civilian Air Reserve (CAR) out of New Jersey would be founded and would begin organizing in 1938, and would begin forming uniting in 1939, with the purpose of organizing and training civilian pilots to serve in times of emergencies, such as fire and floods.

As events in Europe began to lead to WWII, civilian pilots within the United States would be grounded. This would create a large number of pilots who were, for one reason or another (height/weight, age, gender, health conditions), not able to serve in the United States Armed Forces, and who were unable to fly. Eventually, Wilson would create a proposal that

would draw the attention of Fiorello H. LaGuardia, the Mayor of New York City and the Director
of the Office of Civilian Defense; Wilson's proposal would also draw the attention of Major General John F. Curry, Commander of the Army Air Corps' First Air Force. MG Curry and LaGuardia both believed in Wilson's vision that civilian airmen could play a meaningful role in homeland security and defense. Throughout their combined efforts and the escalation of world events, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on 01 December 1941. MG John F. Curry was given 30 days to prove the value of using civilian aviators for homeland defense; should he fail, Civil Air Patrol would cease to exist. In our next issue, we will discuss "The Civil Air Patrol Experiment". The Information included within this article comes from the following sources:

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World War II style eagle pilot wings

SQUADRON UPDATES

99th Pursuit Squadron: Lost 4 cadets, recently did AE kite building and filled the boot at Walmart. Fun Character Development activity planned.

155th Composite Squadron: 4 new cadets joined. A few cadets have left and some cadets are close to the Mitchell Award. Did a squadron level aircraft cleaning at the SAC museum.

Burke Cadet Squadron: 4 promotions, lost 1 gained 1 SM. Teaching cadets basics of the Cadet Program.

Columbus Composite Squadron: Nine cadets now on the roster. Hosted a SAREX in August.

Fremont Cadet Squadron: Meeting regularly.

Offutt Composite Squadron: Gained 5-6 members, More cadets involved in ES. Trying to put together a Color Guard Team. and more cadets with Wright Brothers.

Omaha Composite Squadron: Gained 6-8 members, New PA with color guard game attendance. Adjusting to the new Change of Command. Cadets able to test for Mitchell. Cadet Staff training on 25 Oct.

Tri-Cities Composite Squadron: Meeting regularly. Has gained and lost a few cadets.

ENCAMPMENTS:

Wing	Dates	Location
Colorado	28 December 2025 - 4 January 2026	Colorado ANG RTC, Fort Carson, CO
Florida	27 December 2025 - 3 January 2026	Camp Blanding, Starke, FL
Kansas	28 December 2025 - 4 January 2026	Fort Riley, KS
SER	27 December 2025 - 3 January 2026	Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL
Oregon	28 December 2025 - 4 January 2026	Camp Rilea, Warrenton, OR
Texas	28 December 2025 - 3 January 2026	Sheppard AFB, TX

Whether you're a C/Amn or C/CMSgt encampment offers you an opportunity to practice leadership, build lifelong friendships, work hard, have fun and so much more! If you would like to attend an encampment as a student please click on the state in which the encampment is being held. If clicking the links does not work then type gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/activities/encampment into your browser and access all of the 2025 Winter Encampment.

Please note that all cadet staff applications have closed and only student applications are open at this time.

SCHEDULE

1st Quarter 2026

Month	Date (s)	Topic	Length	Register Via	Location	Name
Oct	25	CP	1 Day	R-Zone	Camp Ashland	First Aid and CPR training
Nov	01	CS	1 Day	Invitation	Camp Ashland	Commanders Call & In-person CAC meeting
Nov	08	ES	1 Day	R-Zone	TBD	ES Training
Dec	06	AE	1 Day	R-Zone	TBD	Tentative STEM Day
Feb	TBD	CP	5 Days	Selection	Washington DC	National Legislative Day
Mar	13&14		1 Day	TBD	TBD	Wing Conference
Mar	20&21	CP	Wknd	R-Zone	Camp Ashland	Tentative Wing Cadet Competition

Key:

CP–Cadet Programs

CS– Command Staff

ES–Emergancy Services

AE–Aerospace Education

Wknd–Weekend long

R-Zone–Registation Zone

TBD–To Be Determined

PROMOTIONS

Cadets:

Wright Brothers

C/SSgt Carter Dohmen (NCR-NE-004), C/SSgt Dashel Dusek (NCR-NE-019), C/SSgt Trygg Petersen (NCR-NE-019), C/SSgt Torunn Petersen (NCR-NE-019) & C/SSgt Jaxon Wood (NCR-NE-019)

Mitchell

C/2d Lt Katharine Smith (NCR-NE-002) & C/2d Lt Joseph Pageler (NCR-NE-058)

Earhart

Spaatz

Seniors:

Vanguard Discount Codes:

October: IGOCT2025 & FBOCT2025

November: IGNOV2025 & FBNOV2025

December: IGDEC2025 & FBDEC2025

Always: CAPMAG

PHOTO ALBUM









EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Be ready for anything – storms, fires, power outages, or accidents – by knowing what to do before, during, and after an emergency.

1. **WHY IT MATTERS**
   Emergencies affect everyone, not just adults. Being prepared keeps you, your friends, and your family safe. When you know what to do, you can stay calm and help others
2. **KNOW THE TYPES OF EMERGENCIES**
   - Natural: storms, floods, fires, earthquakes, blizzards
   - Human-caused: power outages, accidents, chemical spills
   - Medical: injuries, allergic reactions, or someone passing out
3. **BUILD YOUR PLAN**
   - Know your exits and meeting spots at home and school.
   - Write down important phone numbers and carry them with you
   - Have a backup contact outside your area
   - Make a small emergency kit: flashlight, charger, snacks, first aid items, water, extra clothes.
4. **HOW TO REACT**
   - Power outage: use flashlights, not candles, keep fridge closed, draw the blinds (summer)
   - Fire: get low, stay below the smoke level, alert others, exit, never go back inside, even for a pet
   - Storm or tornado: go to an inside hallway or basement; stay away from windows
   - Earthquake: drop, cover, hold on. Stay inside, get under something heavy like the kitchen table
   - Medical emergency: call 911, give clear info (location, problem, name) stay with the person until help arrives







CONTACTS

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Deputy Wing Commander: Lt Col Roxan Richards

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS

Wing Primary: Maj Gerena

Wing Assistant: TBD

CADET ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Chairman:C/1t Lt Nimneh Vice Chairman:C/Capt Seamann Recorder:C/CMSgt Morrison

99th Pursuit Squadron Primary C/SSgt Giddens, Assistant C/Tsgt Haroun & C/Amn Groven

155th Composite Squadron Primary C/MSgt Pageler, Assistant C/CMSgt Pulford

Burke Cadet Squadron Primary C/A1C Arul, Assistant C/SSgt Cortez

Columbus Composite Squadron Primary C/SSgt Dohman, Assistant TBD

Fremont Composite Squadron Primary TBD, Assistant TBD

Lee Bird Composite Squadron Primary C/CMSgt Daniel, Assistant C/TSgt Goad

Offutt Composite Squadron Primary C/SMSgt Clements, Assistant C/MSgt Laughbaum

Omaha Composite Squadron Primary C/1t Lt Hineman, Assistant C/CMSgt Fudge

Tri-Cities Composite Squadron Primary TBD, Assistant TBD

*On my **HONOR** as a Civil Air Patrol Cadet of Nebraska Wing,*
*I will not **LIE**, **CHEAT** or **STEAL***
*or commit any act of **INTENTIONAL** dishonesty*
*or **TOLERATE** those who do.*

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