



Anoka County Composite Squadron Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol



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Minnesota Wing Color Guard Competition

Anoka Composite Squadron wins competition

Eight CAP Squadrons from across the State of Minnesota participated in the daylong competition. Cadets endured many different events held March 8, 2008 at the Twin Cities Air Force Base. Some events were outside, with temperatures around 18 degrees, including a 1 mile run, out door presentation, while others were inside which were inspection, oral and written tests. All of the Cadets represented their Squadrons very well.

At the end of a long day the Anoka Composite Squadron won the competition. Their accomplishments were first place for the 1 mile run, outdoors presentation, standard drill and inspection for which they received plaques. They received the 1st place trophy for the over all competition.

The Anoka Composite Squadron was represented by C/MSgt Peter Mayhew, Team Leader, C/SMSgt Lance Myren, C/TSgt Dane Bjorkman, C/SSgt Emily Olsen, C/SSgt Hanna Olsen. They were supported by Capt Ryan Kenny, Cadet Commander, Capt David Mansheffer, Capt Sue Holmgren, and 2Lt Jay Spreitzer.

The other Squadrons participating were Owatonna, North Hennepin, St. Cloud, Crow Wing, Valley, Fort Snelling and the 130th.

All of the 8 Squadrons Cadets had trained for the competition day. "Even with the advance training it was a long and hard day", said C/MSgt Peter Mayhew. Job well done by all of the Cadets.



Final Inspection before going to Color Guard
(L-R) Cadets Lance Myren, Peter Mayhew, Capt Bosshart, Cadets Emily Tholen, Hanna Olsen
Picture by 2Lt George Supan



Minn. Wing 1st Place



Anoka Composite Squadron participating in an event at MN Wing competition (1st row) C/MSgt Lance Myren, C/MSgt Peter Mayhew, C/SSgt Emily Tholen, C/SSgt Hanna Olsen (2nd row) C/TSgt Dane Bjorkman, Capt Ryan Kenny, (3rd row) Capt David Mansheffer, 2Lt Jay Spreitzer, Capt Matthew Heffron (Crow Wing Squadron)
Picture by Capt Sue Holmgren

Lock in night at the Y

Seniors and cadets on February 29 and March 1 at the Y enjoyed a fun time. It included claiming the rock wall, swimming, volleyball and many other events.



Pictures by Maj Don Sorenson

Accomplishments

Cadet 2nd Lt Andrew Haus of Cedar, Anoka Composite Squadron cadet commander has been appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"The Academy known for its exceptional standards and exemplary education very selectively chooses who gets to attend. Cadet Haus clearly meets those standards," said Capt Bosshart Squadron Commander.

Haus has demonstrated his leadership abilities through the many projects that he has lead at the Anoka Composite Squadron, worked with many cadets to promote them to the next rank and also at his St. Francis High School where he was a leader on his hockey team.

When Haus was asked, how was the process to receive the appointment, he replied "hard work". He will leave June 2008 for the U.S. Air Force Academy.



Cadet 2nd Lt Haus (Right) Capt Bosshart (center) pin just-promoted Cadet Staff Sgt Emily Tholen (left) with her new rank insignia



Keyona Sanchez, a junior at Mounds View High School, recently earned the Mitchell Award. The Mitchell Award, named after General Billy Mitchell, USAF, is a major milestone in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Similar in status to the Eagle Scout achievement, earning the Mitchell Award requires the CAP cadet to demonstrate leadership, public speaking, and good moral character as well as pass a series of written tests on Aerospace Science, project management and other topics. Cadets who earn the Mitchell award, and who later enlist in any branch of the Armed Forces are eligible for early promotion. Cadets also attend a several one week or weekend courses, usually given at Camp Ripley, about an hour north of St. Cloud.

Keyona was the Distinguished Graduate for her performance at one of these courses, called Basic Cadet Officer Course (BCOC) given during the MEA weekend last fall. Major components of BCOC, and other leadership courses, include:

leading by example, behavior modification, verbal and written communication, conflict resolution, character development, project management, ethics and drill and ceremony.

Promotions

SM to 2Lt Dave Oldenburg
SM to 2Lt Monika Oldenburg

Scanner Training

Anoka Composite Squadron hosted the scanner training that was conducted by Capt Bill Menkevich and Maj Jeff Knutson. Thanks to both of them for the hard work put into the training class preparations and presentation.



Picture by Capt Bill Menkevick

Safety

The Sentinel is the official safety newsletter of CAP. Items were reviewed by our Safety Officer 1Lt Jody Veek. He suggested everyone access www.cap.gov/safety, find and read The Sentinel for the month of March. Access the web site, click on Newsletters (Archived), 2008, then March to pull up the March issue. Accessing and reading The Sentinel should be a regular monthly activity for everyone.

Report to Legislators

Minnesota Wing members delivered the Civil Air Patrol Report to Congress, a report on Minnesota activities and an invitation to join the Legislative Squadron to members of the Minnesota government on March 27.

Anoka Composite Squadron members joined Valley Composite Squadron members to deliver the report.

After delivering the reports Anoka Cadets had an opportunity to meet in person with their respective State Legislators. They shared their stories and personal development since joining CAP with their district Senator and House of Representative.



Col, Kevin Sliwinski, Wing Government Relations Officer; C/Kaelyn Olson, Valley Sq.; Sen. Stumpf; C/Col. Charles Cox, Ft. Snelling Sq.; 2Lt. George Supan, Anoka Sq.. Back row left to right are C/SMS. Lance Myren, Anoka Sq.; C/CMS. Peter Mayhew, Anoka Sq.; C/SSgt. Trevor Whitney, Anoka Sq.; C/SSgt. Emily Tholen, Anoka Sq.; C/Amn. Dylan Jackson, Valley Sq.; C/CMS. Stefan Hall, Viking Sq. Members not in photo are Maj. Janelle Gates and 1Lt. Norine Olson. Photo by Maj. Janelle Gates



(L-R) C/SMS Lance Myren, C/CMS Peter Mayhew, Senator Satveer Chaudhary, Dee Chaudhary Senators Wife, C/SSgt Trevor Whitney, C/SSgt Emily Tholen. Photo by 2Lt George Supan

New Members

Cadet Basic Adam Henke
Cadet Basic Patrick Moody

Welcome

Up coming events

Regional Color Guard competition will be April 17-20 at Camp Ashland in Nebraska
Wing Drill Team will also be competing there under the direction of C/Maj Mike Kenny.
Good luck to both teams.

4-6 Apr [Group IV Sarex](#)
11-13 Apr [Wing Conference](#)
15 Apr [Degree of Honor Salute to Youth](#)
18-20 Apr [Encampment Preparatory School](#)
18-20 Apr [Ground Team Leader Course](#)
25-26 Apr [Basic Cadet Training School](#)
25-26 Apr [Corporate Learning Course](#)
26-27 Apr [Check Pilot Seminar](#)
26-27 Apr [Observer Course](#)

Blaine Aviation Days

May 17 & 18 will be Blaine aviation days and the Anoka Composite Squadron has been invited to play a major roll in the event. The Squadron will provide flight marshalling, fun and games for the kids along with a CAP information/recruiting booth for 10 to 17 year olds. Flight marshalling training will be provided to Squadron members in the next few months.

Fund Raising

May 24, 2008 at Cub Northtown 1000 to 1800

Item missed in February Newsletter

Minnesota Wing Logistics/Communications Conference Feb 2 attended by SM Dave Oldenburg and 1Lt Shelly Supan. The conference provides information for our Squadron when receiving items from Wing that keep the storeroom full for all our members. Most importantly is keeping up with all the paper work and changing regulations. Thanks for your work.

If you have any comments please contact me.

Have a great day,

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