



## Anoka County Composite Squadron Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol



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### Wow! What a night

#### Daughter congratulated by her Father from Afghanistan

Anoka Composite Squadron Awards Presentation night Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> included presenters, supporters from throughout the Minnesota Wing, Region, parents of cadets, local leaders, CAP Volunteer writer in Alabama and a call from Afghanistan.

The presentation of the Colors by the Anoka Composite Squadron Color Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Shelly Supan, Deputy Commander, and the Invocation by Lt. Col. Don Mikitta, Minnesota Wing and Squadron Chaplin opened the award presentation evening.

Maj. Jerry Rosendahl, Vice Commander, Minnesota Wing, presented C/Capt Keyona Sanchez, Cadet Commander, the **Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell Award** and the **Amelia Earhart Award**. Maj Rosendahl said, "both awards acknowledge her outstanding achievements". To C/Capt. Sanchez surprise, she was congratulated via telephone from Afghanistan by her father Commander Adrian Sanchez, serving in the U.S. Navy. Commander Sanchez used the Squadron web site to view and hear the presentation live in Afghanistan. Congratulation to C/Capt. Sanchez on her accomplishments.

Maj. Al Pabon, Region, Public Affairs Officer, presented Capt. Andy Bosshart, Anoka Squadron Commander, the **2008 CAP Maj Howell Balsem Award** for photography. Capt. Bosshart took the photo during the flood in Southeastern, MN last August. The photo is of three Anoka Composite Squadron members helping people in a boat during the flood. The photo has been in publications sent around the world and was the inspiration for the new CAP slogan "Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond".

Maj. Rosendahl, presented C/SMSGt Matt Frame, the **Youth Aviation Foundation Essay Award**. Cadet Frame won this years contest with an essay he wrote on "How Civil Air Patrol Changed My Life". He received the award along with a generous check from the Youth Aviation Foundation.

Senior and cadets members who were promoted this year as well as the Color Guard who won the Minnesota Wing and took second in the Regional competition were honored.

All new members to the Squadron were also recognized.

Lyle Peterson, Chairman, for Blaine Aviation Weekend, Local EAA Chapter 237, thanked CAP members for the big roll they played along with the great contribution of flight line marshalling during there aviation event this summer. Peterson said "we couldn't have done it without CAP".



Left Picture(l-r) C/Capt. Keyona Sanchez receiving Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell Award from Maj. Jerry Rosendahl, Vice Commander, Minnesota Wing (photo SM Jennifer Doyle, Anoka Composite Squadron)

Right Picture C/Capt. Keyona Sanchez receiving a call from her father Commander Adrian Sanchez (photo SM Jennifer Doyle, Anoka Composite Squadron)



Left Picture (l-r) Capt. Andy Bosshart, Maj. Al Pabon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt George Supan. Maj Pabon is sharing information about the **2008 CAP Maj Howell Balsem Award** for photography before presenting the award to Capt Bosshart (photo SM Jennifer Doyle, Anoka Composite Squadron)

Right Picture (l-r) Capt. Andy Bosshart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt George Supan who is presenting Capt Bosshart a framed copy of the **2008 CAP Maj Howell Balsem Award** photo. Capt Bosshart is holding the Balsem Award. (photo SM Jennifer Doyle, Anoka Composite Squadron)



Left Picture(l-r) Maj. Jerry Rosendahl presenting C/SMSGT Matt Frame, the **Youth Aviation Foundation Essay Award** (photo SM Jennifer Doyle, Anoka Composite Squadron)

Right Picture (3<sup>rd</sup> from r) Lyle Peterson complementing CAP on there contribution during Blaine Aviation Weekend (photo SM Jennifer Doyle, Anoka Composite Squadron)



**Members promoted in 2008**

The presentation was viewed live by a number of people around the world. They included Washington, DC area people, Neal Probst, Writer, for CAP Volunteer magazine, Maxwell AFB, Alabama and Commander Sanchez in Afghanistan. A conference call was set up for people to talk to the honorees. Neal Probst was on the conference call during the presentation and congratulated Capt. Bosshart on receiving the Balsem Award.

SM Don Raleigh provided the web site software and technical help while Maj. Don Sorenson, Deputy Commander for Cadets, assisted with arrangements. Parents provide the goodies and refreshments for the many guests and members.

Congratulations to all. We are very proud of you! Thank you for being such great role models.

### **Live on WCCO 830 AM Radio the Al Malmberg World of Aviation Program**

Up early on August 21, 2008 to be on the Al Malmberg 0105 to 0205 am World of Aviation program to tell the CAP story. Al's guests were former CAP Lt Col Dick Kirchner and 2nd Lt George Supan, Public Affair Officer, Anoka Composite Squadron of the Minnesota Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

Lt Col Kirchner shared some of his 28 years of experiences while in the CAP. His wife encouraged him to get involved and he said "no way". Well, 28 years and many joyful experiences later he put in his retirement request in August of 2008.

Al Malmberg did his research on CAP and shared with the audience the CAP history starting in 1941 and how many submarines were hit and sank during WWII by the yellow CAP planes. Kirchner said, "how the pilots carried the bombs on their lap and dropped them from the airplane".

Al was very interested in the aerospace and cadet programs as shared with him and the audience by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt George Supan. Al and his wife Kathy have two sons. He has his pilot's license and was excited by the information he found on the Squadron [www.anokacap.com](http://www.anokacap.com) web site.

Kirchner shared how the now Anoka Composite Squadron was assigned to him with only one member and some of what the Squadron has accomplished since 1981. The Squadron currently has 83 volunteer members along with an airplane.

Supan shared the CAP three missions information. The training received, search and rescue activity, the need for cadets, seniors members and pilots to fly the CAP airplanes. How the cadet program can help a 12-18 year old learn the many skills needed in life and learn how to fly an airplane powered or glider. He shared how CAP volunteers, cadets and seniors, can help people in the community during a disaster, like when CAP responded to the 2007 flood in Southeastern, Minnesota.

Supan shared with the audience of a CAP cadet from the Squadron, C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Andy Haus, currently at the U.S. Air Force Academy and other cadets who are working toward being appointed to the Academies. The leadership skills learned and training received at CAP will help them be the leaders of tomorrow.

The hour program went by fast as both Lt Col Kirchner and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Supan shared the CAP story with Al Malmberg the host of the WCCO 830 AM Radio World of Aviation Program and his audience.

## Promotions



Promoted from C/MSgt to C/SMSgt Dane Bjorkman Oldenburg



Promoted from C/Amn to C/A1C Alyssa



Promoted from C/Amn to C/A1C Steven Zingsheim

Promoted from C/Amn to C/A1C Charles Atchinson

Promoted from C/TSgt to C/MSgt Hanna Olsen

Promoted from C/TSgt to C/MSgt Emily Tholen

Sorry I missed that night to take pictures

Congratulations to all who were promoted

## **Guest Speaker**

Lt Col Gary Chamber, Public Affairs Officer, St. Paul Squadron, shared pictures of Red Flag. He shared some of his great pictures and interesting flights.

## **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](http://www.cap.gov/safety), find and read The Sentinel for the month of August. Access the web site, click on Newsletters (Archived), 2008, then August to pull up the August issue. Accessing and reading The Sentinel should be a regular monthly activity for everyone. 1Lt Veek also reviewed flight line safety and the required items. Sun screen, sun gassed and cover tether. He showed everyone how to make a tether and where to purchase the parts.

## **New Members**

Cadet Derek M Fylsen  
Cadet John R Rodriquez  
Senior Member Steven R Luginbill

**Welcome to all.**

## **Fund Raiser**

The fundraiser at Cub Northtown on August 29<sup>th</sup> was a great success. A large number of members showed up and had a fun time. C/A1C Charles Atchinson did a great job getting so many cadets there. The store Assistant Manager said, " We are a great group to have bag and they enjoy having us".

If you have any comments please contact me.

Have a great day,

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