



Anoka County Composite Squadron Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol



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Anoka Composite Squadron received second place at the North Central Regional Color Guard Competition

Minnesota Wing Color Guard Representative Anoka Composite Squadron received second place at the North Central Regional Color Guard competition April 17- 20, 2008 at Offutt Air Force base in Nebraska. The Anoka Composite Squadron Color Guard under the direction of Cadet Master Sergeant Peter Mayhew (Color Guard Commander) included the following members: Cadet Staff Sergeant Emily Tholen, Cadet Technical Sergeant Lance Myren and Cadet Staff Sergeant Hanna Olsen. Cadet Technical Sergeant Lance Myren took first place in the 1 mile run. The team was a first time Regional Competition entry and received very high marks. Job well done.

The Minnesota Wing Drill team takes second place at the North Central Regional Drill Team Competition

The Minnesota Wing Drill team composed of several Squadrons took second place at the North Central Regional Competition on April 17- 20, 2008 at Offutt Air Force base in Nebraska. Job well done for the first time entries. The drill team consisted of many units training and competing together. The team was under the direction of Cadet Major Mike Kenny (Drill Team Commander) Anoka, also included the following members: Cadet Major David Lucey, Anoka; Cadet Captain Jared Hendler, Valley; Cadet Master Sergeant Jonathan Whitcomb, Anoka; Cadet Master Sergeant David Trudeau, St. Croix; Cadet Technical Sergeant Matthew Frame, Anoka; Cadet Technical Sergeant Andrew Prestegaard, St. Paul; Cadet Technical Sergeant Dane Bjorkman, Anoka; Cadet Staff Sergeant Kaelyn Olson, Valley; Cadet Senior Airman Joseph Pahr, St. Paul; Cadet Senior Airman Christian Lysholm, Anoka; Cadet Airman First Class Caleb Schmidt, St. Paul; Cadet Airman Dylan Jackson, Valley.

Great team work by all members.



Picture by Maj Janelle L. Gates

Members of the Minnesota Wing Color Guard and Drill Team at Regional Competition.

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Homeroom Mounds View High School / CAP cadet cruises toward high-flying future

Junior recently received Civil Air Patrol award for achievement

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Picture by Richard Marshall, Pioneer Press

Mounds View High School junior Keyona Sanchez, of Ham Lake, has been training at Anoka County-Blaine Airport to direct air traffic, but, she said, "The CIA is my ultimate dream."

Sixteen-year-old Keyona Sanchez has been hard at work to dispel the old adage "Kids these days ..."

The Mounds View High School junior is driven, intelligent and beautiful — an intimidating combination. She lacks the distraction young people are prone to, with her sights fixed firmly on the future. The daughter of two Navy parents, Keyona is headed for the Air Force with awards and accolades already mounting.

The Civil Air Patrol cadet recently received the organization's Mitchell Award, a milestone honor based on leadership skills, public speaking, character, project management and knowledge of aerospace science.

"She's an outstanding individual," said 2nd Lt. George Supan, a spokesman for the local Anoka County Composite Squadron of CAP. "Keyona has excelled way above and beyond our program."

Keyona is a 1st lieutenant cadet and has a timeline established for the rest of her career. She's already seeking nominations to help her get into the U.S. Air Force Academy. She's not interested in flying; she's planning to specialize in emergency services.

"The CIA is my ultimate dream," she said Thursday in a hangar at the Blaine airport, where she's been training to direct air traffic.

It's a dream that took shape while she was in middle school, about the same time she was introduced to CAP. Her father took her to Blaine Aviation Days, where they happened upon a CAP booth.

"He said, 'You do that or Girl Scouts,' " she recalled.

An eighth-grader at the time, she decided CAP was more in line with her career goals and sense of adventure. "Girl Scouts make cookies, but Civil Air Patrol flies planes," she quipped.

Keyona, a blue belt in Judo, thrives on the self-discipline and sense of integrity the CAP program has given her. It has transformed her from a shy child to a confident woman. She calls herself "adventurous" and lives by the mantra: "If you want something, you have to go for it."

She's got a long list of activities: National Honor Society, lacrosse, soccer, gymnastics, band, Spanish Club and lifeguarding. She plays clarinet in the school's Symphonic Winds group and, at home, plays piano, alto saxophone and trumpet (which she just picked up in December). Her Ham Lake home is filled with instruments, including her dad's drums and multiple guitars.

Her father was recently deployed for a one-year tour in Afghanistan and made sure to bring a guitar with him, she said. He has been an inspiration to her, and his involvement in the war has not deterred her.

Keyona is "a natural leader," said Mark Dieter, her chemistry teacher.

"She's comfortable being in charge and not afraid to take risks," Dieter said. "It doesn't take too long to realize that this girl is secure in herself."

Her experience as a cadet has helped her in many ways, and brought with it a maturity that sets her apart from her peers.

"With school, it made me realize how trivial things are that people talk about," she remarked. "Sitting at the lunch table gets boring."

She's met her best friends in the CAP program, even her boyfriend, she said.

Her no-nonsense demeanor broke for only a second Thursday, when she said, blushing, that she was going to prom Saturday. She noted, of course, that her first priority that day would be taking the ACT.

She took the test for the fourth time — not because her score wasn't already excellent, but because she wants to push herself further, harder.

"With her stamina and capability, she would take me out anytime," Supan said. "She's very well physically as well as mentally (able) to handle the challenges."

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(l-r) Keyona and Elizabeth

Added picture by 2Lt George Supan

Anoka Composite Squadron attended Group IV SAREX in Luverne, MN. Members received training on several levels while on missions and completed a number of SQTR items.

Members attend Wing Observer and Mission Pilot training class held 26 - 27 April, 2008 at the terminal building at Fleming (South St. Paul) airport. Capt Bill Menkevich conducted part of the training on April 27.

Minnesota Wing Conference was attended by a number of Squadron members even though there was a big snowstorm. Congratulation to Maj Sherrie Herzfeld for being appointed as the new Minnesota Wing Chief of Staff.

Promotions



Promoted from C/AB to C/Amn Charles Atchison



Promoted from C/AB to C/Amn Richard Doyle



Promoted from C/AB to C/Amn Adam Henke



Promoted from C/AB to C/Amn David Tramm

Promoted from C/Amn to C/A1stC Joseph Stoehr Sorry missed his Picture

Minnesota Wing Conference Honored Capt Ryan Kenny

Capt Ryan Kenny was honored at Minnesota Wing Conference for achieving Cadet Spaatz award this past year. The Cadet Spot award has been given out since 1986 and only about 1600 Cadets in all of CAP have received this award. Great achievement and a lot of hard work Capt Kenny. Capt Kenny is now a senior member helping as the Cadet Commander with the Cadet program in Lt Col Sanchez absence.

New Cadet Commander

Maj Don Sorenson will be the new Deputy Commander of Cadets. Maj Sorenson was the Anoka Composite Squadron former Commander and will now be in charge of the Cadet program at the Anoka Composite Squadron. Thanks to Capt Ryan Kenny for his help the past months as the Cadet Commander.

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.

Up coming events

Blaine Aviation Weekend

May 17 &18 will be Blaine Aviation Weekend and the Anoka Composite Squadron has been invited to play a major roll in the event. The Squadron will provide flight line marshalling, fun and games for the kids along with a CAP information/recruiting booth for 12 to 18 year olds. Flight marshalling training is being provided to Squadron members with a live airplane. More training is being done each week along with hanging flyers on hangers to promote the event.



Fund Raiser

Bagging Day at Cubs Northtown
May 24, 2008 from 1000 to 1800 hours. Please sign up for the event.

New Members

Cadet Basic Leelam Sukhram
Cadet Basic Jesse A. Macklin,
Cadet Basic Harison Klever
Cadet Basic Stephen J. Braschayko

Welcome to all.

If you have any comments please contact me.

Have a great day,

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