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National Award for Gen. Rawlings Chapter



Left to right: Glenn Shull, Larry Sagstetter, Heidi Priestly, Vic Seavers
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SnowCon



Left to right: C/Joseph Carroll, Area VII Arnold Air Society Commander; C/Sarah Sprankle, Area/Region VII Chief of Protocol; Ashley Agacki, Joint Alumni Association National Marketing and Communications Chair; Darcy Oien, Region VII Silver Wings President; Jim Simons, AFA North Central Region President, V-COB; S. Sanford Schlitt; Vic Seavers, Rawlings Chapter President; Glenn Shull, AFA Minnesota State President; C/Christine Spampinato; James Bowman, Minot Chapter President

See page 4 for the details.

Civil Air Patrol ACE Encampment

Thank You, AFA

E. W. Rawlings Chapter of the Air Force Association
Hello, my name is Rachele Valento. I am writing to thank you for the scholarship you provided me with to go to ACE camp this June. At ACE camp I flew a Diamond Eclipse, and after that I now know for certain I want to be a pilot. Also, getting to see the many jobs that make aviation possible was really interesting. At camp they gave us opportunities to see different schools, and associations that would help us further our careers in aviation.

After I graduate from high school in 2011, I plan to go to Minnesota State University. Through camp it showed that it was the best school for me. One of my favorite things about camp was actually going to the new fire station at the airport. Seeing the trucks and other tools they used was amazing. I never knew so much technology went into it.

Also the Commemorative Air Force Museum was really cool. Seeing personal items used by soldiers in World War 2 made it feel more real and like I was experiencing history first hand. After a week at camp I now understand and respect every person and the job they provide to the aviation industry. It is a week I will never forget and is just the first step on my way into the world of aviation.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity of a lifetime.

Sincerely, Rachele K. Valento, Future Pilot
[June 28, 2009]

Members of the Rawlings Chapter of the Air Force Association,

I am forwarding a thank you note for your support for the Civil Air Patrol summer encampment at Camp Ripley from the Cadet Commander, Cadet Col. Cox.

If you want further information and photos please go to the following internet link: cadetleadership.org

The CAP Flight Academy will begin in Mankato on July 17th through July 25th. Twenty seven cadets will begin sail plane and powered aircraft training at this activity.

Thank you for your support of the Civil Air Patrol program.

Kevin Sliwinski

THE MESSAGE

From c/Col Cox

The 11th Cadet Training Group has come to a close! From 20-27 June, 86 Basic Cadets, 17 Staff Development Squadron Cadets, and 28 Cadet Staff members completed an amazing week of training at Camp Ripley. Highlights included the obstacle course, Air Force weapons familiarization, and the volleyball competition – not to mention the lifelong memories and experiences the cadets shared with each other.

I want to thank the people that made the 11th CTG a great success: the cadets, for taking time to better themselves as leaders; the parents for supporting and encouraging the cadets; and my cadet staff for taking time out of their summer to train, mentor and teach our basic and SDS cadets.

I would also like to recognize the following individuals for their superior performance at encampment:

- 11th Cadet Training Group Honor Graduate: C/A1C Jasmine Sands
- 21st Cadet Training Squadron Distinguished Graduate: C/Amn Megan Halek
- 22nd Cadet Training Squadron Distinguished Graduate: C/SrA Matt Klugherz
- Wing Commander's Award for Academic Excellence: C/A1C Jasmine Sands
- Best Final Inspection: C/A1C Zachary Dietz
- CTG Distinguished Graduates: C/TSgt John Ke, C/SrA Jacob Jones, C/Amn Jackson Bartlett, C/A1C Grant Bauer, C/SSgt Tim Winnes, C/TSgt John Dvorak, C/SSgt Alex Swanson, C/SrA Trevor Klatt, C/Amn Daniel Fitterer, C/SSgt Frank Albrecht, C/SMSGT Tim Italiano
- Staff Development Squadron Distinguished Graduate: C/TSgt Christen Furlong
- Staff Development Squadron Most Improved Graduate: C/A1C Abdulrahman Haji
- Command Staff Excellence Award: C/Capt David Johnson
- Support Staff Excellence Award: C/Capt Joshua Carr
- Commandant's Award for Leadership: C/Maj Billy Hoffman

Cadets; you have completed an experience you will never forget, and learned many life-long skills. I am truly proud of you all! Congratulations, and once again, thank you to everyone involved in the 11th Cadet Training Group. Rock Steady
C/Col Charles C. Cox, Commander
11th Cadet Training Group

Thank You, from the Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America

Melinda Inman, Senior Exploring Executive wrote Col Wofford and expressed her thanks for our past support of the Experimental Aircraft Association Exploring Post #9951 in Hutchinson, MN. In this year alone, Ms. Inman related that the Post toured the Aeronca Manufacturing Plant in Middletown OH, and toured the Dayton Air Museum in Dayton OH. They attended the Discovery Aviation Days at the Anoka Airport. Aviation Explorer, Jessica Miller, placed 7th in the Women's Transcontinental Air Race Classic: a record ! And, the Explorers attended the Air Expo at Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie.

The Gen. Rawlings Chapter has made significant impact on the youngsters in this program.

Wings of the North - Update

The Airshow team has been meeting the first and third Thursdays of each month planning AirExpo 2010, (July 17th and 18th). There are some major improvements for this coming year. **The theme this year is "A Salute to Minnesota Aviation"**. Minnesota's personal and technological contributions to aviation both in the past and in the present will be spotlighted.

There is also a new home for the show at the Flying Cloud Airport (Eden Prairie). The new home will be located on **the new** south hangar area, where there will be plenty of room for aircraft, VIP's, vendors, pancake breakfast, kid's area, and believe it or not, on site parking for volunteers, VIP's, vendors, and the public. No busses!

Thinking about helping? Online, go to www.wotn.org. Or, contact Greg Kaminski at gregk@wotn.org.

A Brown Bag Lunch Program with Punch

Garrett Sampson has had some interesting results. Note the e-mail (partial) and response from General Schulstad:

(Col Sampson)
Greetings,

I've mentioned the Bag Lunches the Detachments have usually anywhere from 10am to 2pm for about an hour. By that, I take it to mean that they have the lunches there during that time frame and the cadets come and go for about an hour. There is one set up now at the U of M on Nov. 20th for that time; St. Thomas doesn't have anything definitely planned yet but are working on it.

(Gen. Schulstad's response)

The Mentor program is alive and well. I met with both cadets you assigned, one from the U of M and the other from S. Thomas. We had productive meetings that I think were helpful for them. The St. Thomas cadet is getting married to another cadet. They had received orders sending them to different bases. I contacted a friend of mine (a retired three star) who contacted a friend of his (the two star head of ARPC) who contacted the detachment and ... long story short ... they will now be assigned to the same base. This would not have happened without the mentor program.

The Mentor Program has unintended consequences of the 'excellent' variety. (ed.)

North Central Regional Conference Held Here

Minneapolis hosted the annual North Central Region NORCOM conference the weekend of October 23-25. AFA leaders from across the region joined with support organizations like USA Today to review ongoing operations and to plan for future activities. S. Sanford Schlitt, AFA Vice-Chairman for Aerospace Education was the featured guest speaker.

The NORCOM conference coincided with SNOWCON. This was an ROTC conclave sponsored by the Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings. Cadets traveled from central regional states to attend this event. Joint sessions were held between the two organizations. Sandy Schlitt gave two extensive presentations. First, he gave an update on AFA and its activities to regional and central state AFA leaders. The next day he met with ROTC students and leaders to give them a history of AFA. He asked them to join the organization.

“AFA,” Sandy noted, “exists in large part to support the success and development of young leaders like those here in ROTC. We want you to be successful,” said Sandy. “And in your success we want you to become members of AFA so that you can join in developing the success of those coming behind you. In that way the organization can perpetuate itself and fulfill its mission to educate, advocate and support you throughout your Air Force careers,” Schlitt explained.

AFA Central Region President Jim Simons opened up the conference. AAS/SW cadet leaders Joe Carroll Area VII Commander and Darcy Oien, Region VII President, briefed attendees on their activities. Their leaders and teachers in ROTC, CAP, JROTC and the AFA regional states followed with PowerPoint briefings about programs and training activities.

But it was the smart, young cadets who stole the show. Who doesn't want to be around smart, young cadets? You can see them learn and develop in front of your eyes. And they are being shaped and molded by selfless, dedicated, talented leaders and mentors from JROTC through ROTC and into the Air Force.

This spirited and inspiring weekend of briefings was completed with a visit from Major Dave “Zeke” Skalicky. He is the US Air Force F-22 Raptor aerial demonstration team commander and pilot based at Langley, VA. He was the featured speaker at the dinner banquet held the last evening of the NORCOM/SNOWCON joint event.

Note picture on page 1.

FY 2009 Charitable Giving Recipients

U of MN (Mpls) ROTC
U of St Thomas ROTC
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MN Aviation Academy
Veteran Members Events
Visions of Exploration AFA
934th AW/ OSF fund
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Wings of the North
World War II Women's Program
Trinity Mission
National Eagle Center
MACV
Friends of the Flying Vikings (934th AW)
Flags for the 934th AW Officers Club
TOTAL FUNDS GIVEN OUT : \$36,751

Welcome to new members to General Rawlings Chapter of the Air Force Association in FY09.

At the end of October, our membership stands at: 887

GRETA	ANDERSON	ISANTI
BRIAN	ANDERSON	FARIBAULT
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2009 Aerospace Educational Achievement and Excellence Award

Partial justification for the AFA's 2009 National Field Award for Aerospace Education Excellence:

The General EW Rawlings Chapter #213 has an extensive history of supporting AFA's Visions of Exploration program. The Chapter has funded 140-200 classrooms each year since entering the program nearly 20 years ago. The VP Aerospace Education during that period, Colonel Kenneth Wofford, a Tuskegee Airman, has challenged the Rawlings Chapter to continue its support for this important Aerospace Education activity.

Throughout the years, the chapter has continued to support this program. Teachers and students have reported their appreciation for the Visions material. In a number of cases, the distribution of USA Today became the first paper to reach student homes. Visiting classrooms and watching Visions in action has been especially rewarding to Chapter members.

In 2006, a Rawlings Chapter member and TSgt in the 342nd Recruiting Squadron presented a mentoring program to the Chapter. TSgt Paul Johnson saw an opportunity to match chapter members with college AFROTC students. The entire program plan and activation were managed by TSgt Johnson. The program has reached both AFROTC detachments in our area with great success. The dialog and exchange of information has been extremely helpful to cadets at the University of Minnesota and University Saint Thomas. And, of equal importance, our chapter has become more aware of ways in which we can provide valuable information to share with the Cadets. Sergeant Johnson has been transferred to a new Air Force assignment, but his energy and call to action have continued to energize our Chapter members. His contribution continues to grow with more joint AFROTC and Rawlings Chapter activities occurring each year in addition to mentoring. A number of Chapter members have been invited to present their service experiences to cadet classes. Our goal is to assist when needed with the premise that we are serving cadets while remaining fully aware of their challenging schedules.....

For this award, continuous sustained high quality effort by our members.