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## **CHARITABLE GIVING**

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| U of St.Thomas ROTC             | 500   |
| Visions of Exploration          | 114   |
| U of M ROTC scholarships        | 750   |
| U of StThomas ROTC scholarships | 750   |
| JROTC Dets scholarships         | 2,250 |
| American Legion Awards Banquet  | 1,476 |
| ACE Camp                        | 1,000 |
| MAHC                            | 3,000 |
| MN Wing of Civil Air Patrol     | 5,000 |
| MAC-V                           | 2,500 |
| Wings of the North Air Expo     | 2,500 |

## **Det 410, U of St Thomas**

This summer, Det 410 is sending 15 cadets to 'field training'. This was at Volk Field in Wisconsin. Fun and games include dreaded inspections.

There will be a Change of Command ceremony on 8 May. And, a Dining Out prior to the end of school for summer break.

Silver Wings has 15 – 20 new members this year. This organization merges cadets with civilian volunteers to do community service work such as tending to the Officers Club's flower gardens and volunteering to work for Habitat for Humanity.

## **Visions of Exploration Teacher of the Year**

Don Gawreluk, Rawlings' Teacher of the Year, 2010, has also been selected as the State Teacher of the Year for AFA. His paperwork has been forwarded to AFA National to be put into competition for overall TOY.



## AFA MISSION

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## MENTORSHIP UPDATE

The Mentor Program at the ROTC Detachments at the U of M and the U of St. Thomas is about to start up again for the new school year. This year will be the fourth year of the program. Last year there were 21 cadets from St. Thomas and 5 from the U of M in the program. There are about 30 Mentors, but there could be more if some of the 934AW and/or the 133 AW members come on board.

The ROTC Training provides cadets with needed military background and instruction. The Mentor Program was established to give cadets one-on-one visits with officers and NCOs from all the various fields in the Air Force. And, rather than a classroom setting, a less structured atmosphere is used so the cadet could venture asking 'dumb' questions, or not knowing what questions to ask.

Before the school year gets started, background information about each Mentor's Air Force career is obtained. Items like: training, schools, assignments, rank, current civilian occupation, contact info, preferences about when and whom they'd like to work with (e.g. male, female, number of cadets, etc.)

That data is passed on to the cadet in charge of the Mentor Program at each ROTC detachment for that year. That cadet then contacts the cadets and lets them know the details of the program and who is available to act as a Mentor. The managing cadet pairs up the Mentors with the interested cadets according to their career field interests and the Mentor's background.

The cadets then call or email to set up a meeting which can be done at the time and site that both agree upon.

If you are interested in being part of the Mentor Program, contact Garrett Sampson at 952.681.1201 or [gjsamp66@comcast.net](mailto:gjsamp66@comcast.net).

## A LITTLE HELP PLEASE

Please be certain your mailing address and your e-mail address is up to date. You can go to [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org) Or contact Mary Nauheimer at AFA to update your info. This helps with monthly meeting notices and quarterly newsletters. Thanks, in advance, for helping us out.

Bob and Larry

## MAC - V

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans is a 501(c)(3) organization designed to assist homeless veterans. Rawlings Chapter has donated money to assist their work.

In March, the Minnesota Justice Foundation and MACV hosted the second Veterans Law Clinic at the Ramsey County Courthouse in St. Paul. At the clinic, attorneys advised approximately 25 vets on a variety of consumer and family law issues including debt collection rights, child support modification, parenting time assistance and marriage dissolution. MACV staff discussed housing, employment, and other issues with veterans.

In addition to the clinic, there was a ceremonial 'Wall Breaking' in Duluth. This started the construction of the new Duluth Veterans' Place on Ramsey Street that will have eleven permanent housing units. This project is a collaborative project of MAC-V and Northern Communities Land Trust.

October 8th, at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club, a fund raiser will occur.

For additional information, go to [www.mac-v.org](http://www.mac-v.org), or call 612.746.4150

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### MN CIVIL AIR PATROL

Minnesota Wing Cadets were among youth across the nation participating in an event held on June 17 – 20 at Linfield College Evergreen Air & Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon. Minnesota Wing Color Guard third place in the Nation and Cadet Jasmine Sands was awarded outstanding cadet of the Color Guard Competition and Flt. Lt. Keet Foot winner. The Drill Team received an honorable mention for participation.

Cadets demonstrate their skills in events that involve precision, including innovative and standard drill movements, indoor and outdoor posting of the American flag and creativity and knowledge of aerospace-related topics, including a written exam and panel quiz, as well as physical fitness challenges involving volleyball and a mile run.

Each of CAP's eight regions are represented by a four-person color guard and a 13-person drill team.

Cadet drill teams and color guards earned the right to attend this prestigious national competition by winning local, state and regional competitions.

Inspections and drill competition were judged by the Air Force Honor Guard' and volleyball professionals judged the volleyball competition according to the USA Volleyball Domestic Indoor Competition rules.

The activity is one of 30 National Cadet Special Activities sponsored by CAP across the nation each summer. These activities allow cadets to hone their skills in a variety of areas, including search and rescue, flight and emergency services, science, leadership fundamentals, citizenship and military courtesies, and to explore aerospace technology and aviation careers.







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## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL !! at the VA**

For a number of years now, the Rawlings Chapter has sponsored an ice cream social at the VA for the vets, of course. Leader of this event is our own Glenn Shull. In addition to himself, his wife (Sue), and a wild and crazy band of banjos, other volunteers show up to help transport or roll vets from their rooms to the site of the event. Without exception, everyone has the best time ! YOU shoulda been there.



L to R: Cadet, Cadet, Capt. Priestley, Larry Sagstetter,  
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