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***General Carl A. Spaatz Award
Presented by Maj. Gen. Mark Smith, CAP National
Commander, to Cadet Col. Shelby Petersen of
Flathead Composite Squadron***



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Commander's Corner



COMMANDER'S ONE-YEAR REPORT

Hello, Montana Wing. It has been a little over a year since I was appointed your wing commander, so I thought it might be time to report to you. A lot has happened since I took over. Some of it I am very proud of. Some of it I am not so proud of. But it is all how life goes, and together we will deal with it and together we will improve.

Things I Am Proud Of

In no particular order of significance here are things that I am very proud of.

- Wing Conference
- Wing Encampment
- Wing SAREVAL
- Wing Safety Record
- Cadet earns Gen Carl A. Spaatz Award
- Two cadets earn Private Pilot certificates at Purdue University
- Cadet serves as Vice Chair of the National Cadet Advisory Council
- State Funding

The part of the wing conference of which I am most proud is that more than one-third of our members registered to attend, paid their money, and showed up. Perhaps the presence of the National Commander was the prime drawing card. Whatever the reason, I am proud of that participation percentage.

Montana Wing just conducted its first cadet encampment since 2012. There were 44 basic cadets attending, five from Idaho Wing, one from Washington Wing, and the remainder from Montana Wing. There were 18 cadets in the cadre, one of whom was from Idaho Wing with the rest from Montana Wing. There were ten senior members serving on staff, one from Idaho Wing with the rest from Montana Wing. All cadets graduated. One of the more exciting activities was helicopter orientation rides in a UH-1N provided by the 40th Helicopter Squadron from Malmstrom Air Force Base.

The joint SAR Evaluation with Idaho Wing was successfully

conducted with both wings receiving a grade of “READY,” which means “Performance meets mission readiness requirements. Procedures and activities are carried out in an effective and competent manner. Minor deficiencies exist but do not impede or limit mission accomplishment.” That’s as good as it gets. Well done!

I probably should not include this category, but instead I shall knock on a lot of wood to keep from jinxing us. Our safety record has been good with only a few minor mishaps. Encampment produced the usual rash of sprained ankles, but there was no lasting damage to anyone. Recently hail beat up an aircraft a bit, and a vehicle’s windshield got chipped. Please keep up this trend.

Cadet Col. Shelby Petersen of Flathead Composite Squadron earned her General Carl A. Spaatz Award. That’s as good as it gets in the cadet program. It only comes with several years of very hard work. Congratulations to Col. Petersen. She will soon be reporting to the US Marine Corps to begin her military career.

CAP’s new WINGS Program is intended to help CAP cadets earn their Private Pilot Certificates in hopes they will pursue professional pilot careers to help alleviate our country’s pilot shortage. Cadet Lt. Col. Justin Ramey and Cadet Capt. Danielle Stone each won a prestigious full scholarship for two months of flight training at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Only four such scholarships to Purdue were awarded in all of CAP, and two went to Montana Wing cadets (and one to an Idaho Wing cadet and one to a North Carolina Wing cadet). Both cadets came home from Purdue with their Private Pilot Certificates. Congratulations to both our new aviators.

Cadet Lt. Col. Justin Ramey recently completed his one-year term as Vice Chairman of the National Cadet Advisory Council. The National Cadet Advisory Council consists of a chairperson, vice chairperson, and a representative from each of CAP’s eight regions. To be selected for the honor of serving on the National Cadet Advisory Council reflects very highly on Cadet Lt. Col. Ramey.

The State of Montana has adopted a law that provides \$45,000 per year for the next four years “to provide training to civil air patrol members.” The money is appropriated to the Department

of Military Affairs, which is directed to provide grants to Montana Wing. If you have been passing up a training opportunity because of the activity fee or transportation cost to get to the activity site, then these funds may help you. Expect to hear a lot more about this new development in the coming months. Cadets, start looking at the National Cadet Special Activities that interest you. Seniors, I cannot help you get a week off from work, but these funds will help pay for Region Staff College or National Staff College and the transportation there and back.

Things I Am Not So Proud Of

In no particular order of significance here are things that I am not so proud of.

- Failing Units and Failing Members
- Lack of Professional Development
- Lack of Wing Commander candidates

Being wing commander is not all grand and glorious events. I have had the sad experiences of deactivating one unit in Montana Wing, suspending another unit, and terminating the memberships of one senior member and one cadet member. A couple of other units are weak, but they are slowly improving. It’s a tough struggle for some, and we should all look for opportunities to help those units. One unit was suspended from all unit activities because of failure to cure discrepancies noted in their Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI). That is a particularly sad situation because all the questions on a SUI may be found on the headquarters web page, so there are no surprises during the SUI. If that’s not enough, all the answers may also be found there. Those comments are also true of a wing’s Compliance Inspection (CI). Montana Wing will have its CI next March, so I reserve the right to choke on all those words at that time.

I have encountered two cases of compromised core values. One involved falsifying documents on an Air Force assigned mission. The other involved total disdain for CAP regulations. There is no place in CAP for these attitudes. Fortunately, that is just two people out of nearly three hundred Montana Wing members. The rest of you reassure my confidence in you.

It has been a long time since Montana Wing hosted a Squadron Leadership School, Corporate

Learning Course, or Unit Commander's Course, so I guess I should not be surprised that so few of you are progressing in the Professional Development program. There is not much activity in the specialty tracks either. Those are the means by which we grow new leaders, first at the squadron level and then at the wing level. We need to fix this shortcoming, and we will.

I cannot believe that every one of you is so thrilled with my leadership as your wing commander that you want me to stay in the job forever. I am in an interim appointment until I can find a viable new wing commander, and I admit to failing in that task. I have identified several young (in CAP years) talents who will make fine future wing commanders after some more training, mentoring, and experience. But I am not going to last that long. I am getting low on energy and patience. Someone had better step up soon or you may find yourself with another stranger wing commander from outside Montana.

What Is Coming Up Soon

On November 16th the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and the Air Cadet League of Canada celebrate the HART Ceremony in Lethbridge, Alberta. HART stands for "Honoring Allies and Remembering Together." We are invited to join them for the day. The usual schedule is drive up Friday, have ceremony on Saturday, and drive home Sunday, although some of you may be close enough to do it in one long day. Wing will pay for van fuel, but Squadrons must pay for their own lodging and food. I have been there the last two

years, and it is a moving ceremony followed by some fun and friendly contests between Canadian cadets and CAP cadets. Numerous other Rocky Mountain Region squadrons participate with most of them driving right through Montana on I-25, so please don't tell them that it's too far for us to drive to Lethbridge.

In March Montana Wing will undergo a Compliance Inspection. Each wing gets inspected every four years, and our turn has come. This inspection applies mainly to the wing level, so those of you in our squadrons can chuckle as the wing staff gets stressed out. Preparation starts getting serious in January, but it's not too early now. I have already started preparing the things on which I am inspected. I know the wing staff is not ready today, but they have over seven months to prepare. As with SUIs, all the questions and answers are available on the headquarters web page, so there are no surprises. However, the consequences of failure are serious.

Overall

Montana Wing is in slightly better shape than it was a year ago, but it is still not in good shape. We got a conference and an encampment done, and some of our cadets are proving to be outstanding persons. But most of you are settled into your niches and doing your basic jobs with no desire at all to do any more. That complacency is Montana Wing's biggest problem right now, and we must solve that problem together or bear the consequences of failure. ★

SUPPORT OUR CADETS

. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE!!!

2019 Montana Wing Conference

*Cadet Capt. Michael Zielinski, CAP
Squadron Cadet Commander
Missoula Composite Squadron 018*

May 19, 2019

MISSOULA, MONTANA - This past weekend I had the opportunity to attend the Montana Wing Conference. I was very pleased with the seminars offered and my experience. The conference included seminars on the new DAART certifications, communications planning, leadership, aerospace, finance, WMIRS data entry, and more. I attended the communication seminars, the leadership seminar, and the WMIRS seminar. All of these were beneficial for “advancing my education and training” as the Cadet Oath says. My favorite was most likely the leadership seminar, whose

presenter was very enthusiastic and taught in a fun manner, using stories, music, and humor to get his points across.

During the conference, I also had the amazing opportunity to be the National Commander of CAP, Maj. Gen. Mark Smith’s aide. General Smith is a very quiet, kind-hearted soul and told me right after I met him that he really wanted to meet more Montana CAP members and learn about what they have to say about CAP as a whole. Throughout the weekend, the General was all over, meeting cadets and senior members alike and getting to



Montana Wing Commander, Col. Warren Vest, making opening comments.



Rocky Mountain Region Commander, Col. Tom Kettell, speaks during the general session.



Senior Member David Mosley (1 SGT Ret) gave a fantastic presentation on Leadership, for both cadets and senior members.



Chaplain Capt. Dave Knight conducting a class on updates to the Character Development program. Chaplain Knight also served as the MC for the general session and banquet.

know them and how they thought the program was doing. Gen. Smith is very approachable and considerate and never once acted like he was above anyone else. His expectations of me as an aide were very few. He required me to take care of his two star flag, to make sure that the proper honors were rendered to it and that it returned to him undamaged at the end of the day. He also requested that I assist him with where he needed to be and when, which was a relatively easy task with the small layout of the conference. He was very amiable and polite at all times and not once did he cause any inconvenience to anyone. Once he was settled in his chosen seminar, he released me to go to the session of my choosing and never made a big deal out of not having his aide in the same session. In general, he was very easy-going and did not impose himself on anyone. I am honored that I was chosen to be his aide and I will never forget that experience.

My overall experience was really good. The cadet ball on Saturday night was highlighted by our Region Commander Col. Kettell's melodious song and Cadet Col. Peterson's outstanding karaoke skills. The banquet previous was very tasty and entertaining remarks by Army National Guard Maj. Gen. Matthew Quinn who gave us all some things to think about. The banquet was also where



Maj. Gen. Smith with his aide for the conference, Cadet Capt. Michael Zielinski.



Capt. Mike Stone did a great presentation on the CAP UAS program.

Cadet Col. Shelby Peterson received her award, presented by the National Commander himself.

To anyone thinking about attending next year's Wing Conference, I highly recommend it. There

really was something for everyone. I had a great time and will hopefully do it again next year! I hope to see you there! ★



Maj. Gen. Matthew Quinn, Adjutant General for Montana National Guard, was the guest of honor and featured speaker at the banquet.



MTWG Commander, Col. Warren Vest, presents a plaque of appreciation to Maj. Gen. Matthew Quinn, The Adjutant General of Montana National Guard. Gen. Quinn is a strong supporter of CAP.



Maj. Gen. Mark Smith, CAP National Commander, presents Cadet Col. Shelby Petersen of the Flathead Composite Squadron, with her Spaatz Award. The Spaatz is the highest achievement for a cadet. It requires a lot of hard work and dedication. Very few actually achieve this award.

Training Opportunities

Maj. Spencer Gilchrist, CAP

The squadron commanders have been working hard to come together and create one of what will be many wing drills. A drill is a specific tool to increase our capability, while building proficiency. We will be conducting wing drills through the year. Wing drills will also focus on senior member professional development (SLS, CLC, TLC, Others), cadet development and leadership, possibly some emergency services specific classroom training such as incident command system (ICS) courses, and even Introductory Communications User Training (ICUT). We hope to eventually expand into aerospace by making aerospace a routine part of drill once we have the capability where we can do that. What that looks like will be entirely up to the squadron commanders and respective wing staff positions. The overall goal is to get all units operating together, with a strategic plan, and moving the organization forward. We expect to see more sustained growth, motivation, and an expansion of our capabilities over time. At the moment the drills are planned to be quarterly but may expand and contract in time depending on the squadron's needs. Everyone is invited even new cadets who have not had any CAP experience. So long as they are official members, listed in eservices, with a CAPID.

This first drill will focus on the following events:

SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL:

Officership and the Public Trust
Intro to Professional Development
Squadrons are the Heart of CAP
Squadron Staff Officers
Individualized Position Training
Introduction to Leadership
The Staff Officer as Communicator
Cheating Thinking & Problem Solving

GREAT START LESSONS (Airmen):

Followership
Drill
Chain of Command
Grade Insignia
Customs & Courtesies, with an interactive lab
Uniform Tutorial and inspection
Core Values
Cadet Oath
Safety
Compass Courses
Aerospace team Challenge Moon Landing
Intro to Fitness
Fitness Activity
Team Building and Team Leadership Challenges
Curry Jeopardy!

NCO's:

Working with NCO's
Listening and Hearing
Leadership Challenges
Required Staff Training Overviews
Preparing classes
Customs and Courtesies
NCO duties
Teaching Drill
PT Testing
Support NCO Staff positions
Teaching Airmen "The Basics"

OFFICERS:

How to instruct drill effectively
Leadership Challenges
Teaching NCO's
What is an Officer's role in relation to you
Officer duties and staff positions
Utilizing NCO's
Plan and Organization (higher level goal setting)
Encampment Planning
Recruiting and Retention Strategies/planning
CAP History
Critiques
Cadet Advisory Council

Missoula Cadet Awarded EAA Scholarship

Cadet Capt. Zielinski's interest and drive for flight has led him to becoming a recipient of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Ray Aviation Scholarship.

The scholarship is valued at \$10,000. He is one of up to 100 students nationwide to receive this scholarship to obtain their private pilot's license. In addition, the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation will award a Lightspeed Zulu 3 headset upon successful completion of his first solo flight and ground school.

Cadet Capt. Michael Zielinski of Missoula Composite Squadron is also an Eagle Scout, 2 Silver Palms. His first merit badge was the Aviation Badge. He was mentored in this by an EAA pilot. An EAA Young Eagles flight also served to help satisfy the requirements of the badge.





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Five Cadets Promote in Gallatin Composite Squadron

*By Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Gideon Survoy, CAP
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April 23, 2019

Two Cadets have just advanced to Achievement 8 and another three advanced to Achievement 2.

Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Baldwin and Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Hogenson both earned Achievement 8. This achievement is right before the coveted Billy Mitchell Award.

Achievement 8 or the Neil Armstrong Achievement, it is also the second to last step in Phase II: The Leadership Phase. Neil Armstrong was the first man to set foot on the moon. And was famous for saying: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." In order to earn this achievement, the cadets had to learn more about leadership, aerospace, drill and ceremonies and character development, they also had to present a speech and write an essay about a leadership topic.

Cadet Airman J. Almeria, Cadet Airman A. Almeria, and Cadet Airman R. Wallace have been both promoted to Cadet Airman First Class and earned Achievement 2. Achievement 2 or the Hap Arnold Achievement is the second step in Phase I: The Learning Phase. Hap Arnold himself was a World War II aviator. He was one of the few generals who achieved the rank of five star general. And in May 1949, he was named General of the Air Force, the first such commission ever made. In order to earn this achievement, the cadets had to learn more about leadership, aerospace, basic drill, character development, and proper wear of the uniform.



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Cadet Chief Lane Herbst has earned his Mitchell Award

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May 14, 2019

Cadet Chief Lane Herbst has successfully passed all requirements for the Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award and has been promoted from Cadet Chief Master Sergeant to Cadet Second Lieutenant.

Because this is the first grade in the Cadet Officer corps, the award is highly sought after and can be difficult to attain. In order to promote, he must pass a cumulative exam on eight chapters of leadership and 6 modules of aerospace. Additionally, he must wear the uniform properly according to Civil Air Patrol and Air Force standards, pass a rigorous physical fitness test, and demonstrate personality expectations associated with the grade of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant. Being a Cadet officer is challenging.

Only those with the highest character and tireless motivation can achieve this award. Upon becoming a Cadet Officer, one must continue to show superior leadership skills, effective time management, and academic excellence.

Cadet Second Lt. Herbst has been an active member of Gallatin Composite Squadron for almost two and a half years. He has held Cadet staff positions such as Wing CAC representative, Flight Sergeant, and currently Cadet Commander. Lt. Herbst is the first active Cadet Officer the squadron has had in one year. Lt. Herbst has said that wants to become a Spatz Cadet and then enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Cadet 2nd Lt. Herbst. Photo Credit Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Gideon Survoy



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9 Cadets Promote in Gallatin Composite Squadron

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28 May 2019

3 Cadets have just advanced to Achievement 1, 2 advanced to Achievement 2, 1 advanced to Achievement 5, 1 Achievement 6, and 2 Cadets have earned the Billy Mitchell Award.



Cadet Airman Wallace being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Photo Credit Capt. Kim Carlson



Cadet Airman Schwendeman being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Photo Credit Capt. Kim Carlson

Cadet Basic E. Wallace, Cadet Basic Schwendeman, and Cadet Basic Phillips have earned Achievement 1 and have been promoted to Cadet Airman. This is an important step in any cadet's career in the Civil Air Patrol, as it is the first step in Phase I: The Learning Phase. Achievement 1 or the Curry Achievement was named after Major General John Francis Curry, the first National Commander of Civil Air Patrol. In order to earn this achievement, cadets had to learn about leadership, drill, and ceremonies, and attempt the physical fitness test.

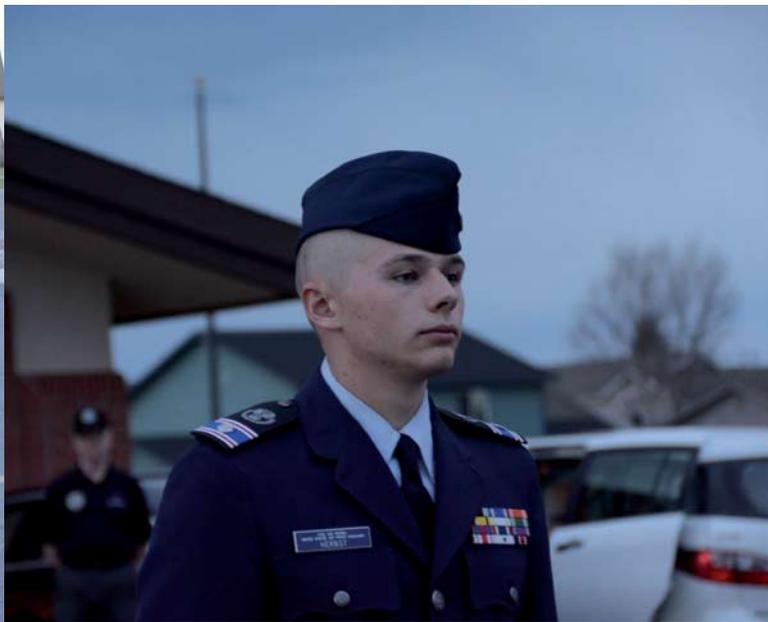
Cadet Airman Kirchmayr and Cadet Airman Kornachuk have both earned Achievement 2 and



Cadet Airman Phillips being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth and Cadet Chief Hogenson. Photo Credit Capt. Kim Carlson



**Cadet 2nd Lt. Herbst being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth.
Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Survoy**



Cadet 2nd Lt. Herbst. Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Survoy

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LEFT: Cadet 2nd Lt. Survoy being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Photo Credit Capt. Kim Carlson



BELOW: Cadet 2nd Lt. Survoy being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Photo Credit Capt. Kim Carlson



Cadet Airman 1st Class Kirchmayr being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Photo Credit Capt. Kim Carlson



Cadet Airman 1st Class Kornachuk being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Photo Credit Capt. Kim Carlson

more about leadership, aerospace, basic drill, character development, and proper wear of the uniform.

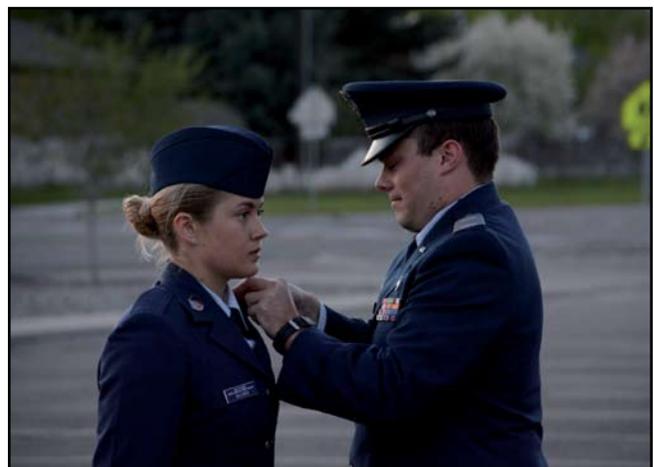
Cadet Technical Sgt. Tusken has earned Achievement 5 and has been promoted to Cadet Master Sergeant. Achievement 5 or the Charles Lindbergh Achievement is the second step in Phase II: The Leadership Phase. Charles Lindbergh was the first person to fly solo, non-stop, across the Atlantic Ocean, aboard the “Spirit of St. Louis.” In order to earn this Achievement, cadet Tusken had to learn more about leadership, aerospace, drill and ceremonies, character development, and had to pass a physical fitness test.

Cadet Master Sgt. L. Baldwin has earned Achievement 6 and has been promoted to Cadet Senior Master Sergeant. Achievement 6 or the General Jimmy Doolittle Achievement. Gen. Doolittle is famous for commanding the Doolittle raiders that bombed Japan in WWII. Cadet Baldwin had to learn more about leadership, aerospace, drill and ceremonies, character development, and had to pass a physical fitness test.

Because this is the first grade in the Cadet Officer corps, the award is highly sought after and can be difficult to attain. In order to promote, cadets must pass a cumulative exam on eight chapters of leadership and 6 modules of aerospace. Additionally, one must wear the uniform properly according to Civil Air Patrol and Air Force standards, pass a rigorous physical fitness test, and demonstrate personality expectations associated with the grade of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant. Being a Cadet Officer is challenging, only those with the highest character and tireless motivation can achieve this award. Upon becoming a Cadet Officer, one must continue to show superior leadership skills, effective time management, and academic excellence. ★



Cadet Master Sgt. Tusken being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Photo Credit Capt. Kim Carlson



Cadet Senior Master Sgt. L. Baldwin being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Photo Credit Capt. Kim Carlson



Cadet Chief David Hogenson has earned his Mitchell Award



*By Cadet 2nd Lt. Gideon Survoy, CAP
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25 June 2019

Cadet Chief David Hogenson has successfully passed all requirements for the Brigadier General Billy Mitchell Award and has been promoted from Cadet Chief Master Sergeant to Cadet Second Lieutenant.

Because this is the first grade in the Cadet Officer corps, the award is highly sought after and can be difficult to attain. In order to promote, he must pass a cumulative exam on eight chapters of leadership and 6 modules of aerospace. Additionally, he must wear the uniform properly according to Civil Air Patrol and Air Force standards, pass a rigorous physical fitness test, and demonstrate personality expectations associated with the grade of Cadet Second Lieutenant. Being a Cadet officer is challenging. Only those with the highest character and tireless motivation can achieve this award. Upon becoming a Cadet Officer, one must continue to show superior leadership skills, effective time management, and academic excellence.

Many rewards come with earning the Mitchell Award. Not only is it the first Cadet Officer rank in the Cadet Program, Lt. Hogenson will be eligible to enlist in the U.S. Air Force a rank higher than other enlistees (E-3). The Mitchell award is also favored by the United States Air Force Academy and Air Force ROTC. When a cadet earns the Mitchell award opportunities arise and new doors are opened.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Hogenson has been an active member of Gallatin Composite Squadron for about two years. He has held the Cadet staff position Alpha Flight Sergeant and is now the X-Ray flight commander. Lt. Hogenson is the third active Cadet Officer the squadron has had in one year. Lt. Hogenson has stated that wants to become a Spaatz Cadet and then earn an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy.



Squadron Commander 1st Lt. Troth buttons on Cadet 2nd Lt. Hogenson's new insignia. Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Gideon Survoy

Meet Cadet 2nd Lt. Hogenson, Gallatin Composite Squadron newest Cadet Officer.



Squadron Commander 1st Lt. Troth shakes hands with Cadet 2nd Lt. Hogenson before he his pinned. A rainbow of promise lies ahead for Lt. Hogenson. Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Gideon Survoy



Gallatin Composite Squadron newest Cadet Officer Cadet 2nd Lt. Hogenson. Background Cadets of X-Ray Flight. Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Gideon Survoy



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6 Cadets Promote in Gallatin Composite Squadron

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25 June 2019

2 Cadets have just advanced to Achievement 1, 1 Cadet advanced to Achievement 2, 3 advanced to Achievement 3, and 1 Cadet has earned the Billy Mitchell Award.



Cadet Airman McClain being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Background Maj. Timothy Schober. Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Gideon Survoy



Cadet Airman Skinner being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Background Maj. Timothy Schober. Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Gideon Survoy

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Cadet Senior Airman A. Almeria being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Background Maj. Timothy Schober. Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Gideon Survoy



Cadet Senior Airman J. Almeria being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Background Maj. Timothy Schober. Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Gideon Survoy

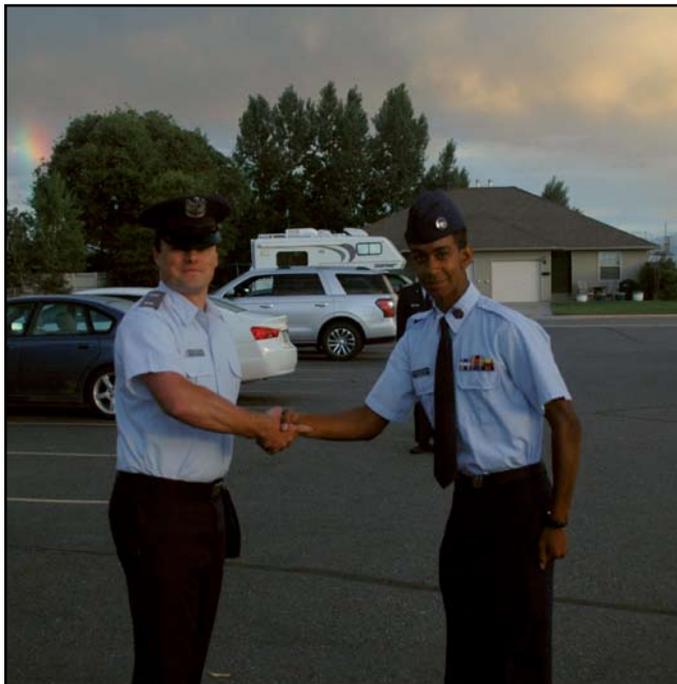
John Francis Curry, the first National Commander of Civil Air Patrol. In order to earn this achievement, cadets had to learn about leadership, drill, and ceremonies, and attempt the physical fitness test.

Cadet Airman Fowler has earned Achievement 2 and has been promoted to Cadet Airman First Class. Achievement 2 or the Hap Arnold Achievement is the second step in Phase I: The Learning Phase. Hap Arnold himself was a World War II aviator. He was one of the few generals who achieved the rank of five-star general. In May 1949, he was named General of the Air Force, the first such commission ever made. In order to earn this achievement, the cadets had to learn more about leadership, aerospace, basic drill, character development, and proper wear of the uniform.

Cadet Airman 1st Class J. Almeria, Airman 1st Class A. Almeria, and Airman 1st Class R. Wallace have earned Achievement 3. And have been promoted to Cadet Senior Airman. Achievement 3, or the Colonel Mary Feik Achievement is the third step in Phase I: The Learning Phase. It is an important step as the next rank is the first cadet non-commissioned officer rank. Mary Feik joined the U.S. Army Air Corps when she was 18. And, in 1942 started to teach aircraft maintenance to other mechanics and crew chiefs. Feik is credited with becoming the first woman engineer in research and development in the Air Technical Service Command's Engineering Division. In order to earn this achievement, the cadets had to learn more about leadership, aerospace, basic drill, character development, and proper wear of the uniform.



Cadet Airman 1st Class Fowler being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Gideon Survoy



Cadet 2nd Lt. Hogenson being promoted by 1st Lt. Austin Troth. Background Maj. Timothy Schober. Photo Credit Cadet 2nd Lt. Gideon Survoy

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