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## Cadets survive and thrive at wing summer encampment

by Capt. Joseph Bradfield,  
Worthington Squadron

Eighty-four cadets led by 32 cadet staff successfully completed Minnesota Wing's Seventh Cadet Training Group July 2.

Maj. Chet Wilberg, Hutchinson Squadron, served as encampment commander. C/Col. Joshua Gulbranson, Valley Squadron, served as the Cadet Training Group commander.

Minnesota wing adopted the cadet-led format of summer encampment in 1999. Formerly, the summer encampments had been led by senior members.

During the "CTG"-style encampment, three concurrent levels of training take place. Basics, usually first year attendees, learn to drill, practice customs and courtesies and learn to rely on each other for optimal personal, flight and squadron achievement.

Two squadrons of three flights each made up this year's training group. Seventy-two basics graduated the encampment, for a total of 84 nonstaff cadets.

Successful basics may apply for the staff development squadron, or SDS, in later years.

SDS attendees learn teaching and assessment strategies, theory, motivational methods and more. They will apply the skills and knowledge they have trained for after what usually has been at least two years of study, often more, when they themselves become training group staff. The SDS squadron was comprised of 12 cadets this year.

All levels of cadets participated in the activities made available by the Minnesota Air National Guard, as well as by Camp Ripley, a military "reservation" maintained by the Minnesota Army National Guard.

Camp Ripley, which lies in central Minnesota, offered several activities suitable for encampment, including a confidence course; Blackhawk helicopter orientation rides; a simulated firing range; and tours of the tanks, jeeps and fighting vehicles at the Mobilization and Training



**C/Airman Nickolai Podvin, Southeast Minnesota Squadron, sits in a restored cockpit of an F4 Phantom jet that shot down one MiG before being eventually shot down itself. photo by Capt. Joseph Bradfield**



**Encampment cadets try out the "Weaponeer," a shooting simulator on non-human targets. photo by Capt. Joseph Bradfield**

## Commander's Column: National commander steps down

by Col. Steve Miller,  
wing commander

This month I report to you some major changes at our national headquarters. Al Allenback resigned as our executive director. After retiring from Air Force and three years as our executive director, he chose to really retire.

Many of you may have heard the news regarding our national commander, Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless. Effective July 1, he resigned. Wheless made significant contributions to our organization. He will be missed. Below is the letter he wrote to the National Board and the Board of Governors on June 15:

"Outside of the joy of my family and personal friends, my greatest joy in life has been my 24 years of service to my country through Civil Air Patrol. The past 10 months since assuming command of this great organization have taken me all across the nation, carrying our story of better than



**Col. Steve Miller**

64 years of commitment to the principles of freedom and liberty for all people, the protection of our shores, the training of young people in the ways of respect and discipline, and the teaching of the lessons of air power.

"During these 10 months, I essentially retired from the practice of law to devote full time to this command, but I have clients I have served for 38 years who still rely on me for advice, and I have yet to fulfill my promise to finish the completion of our law office's construction of a branch office and the training of

new associates. Also, I seem to be missing all the junior baseball games and dance recitals that my grandchildren are involved in every weekend.

"These months have also given me the opportunity to work closely with Brig. Gen. Tony Pineda, whom I have tried to expose to all facets of commanding Civil Air Patrol so that he could step into the command position seamlessly when the time came. Tony has been a loyal companion during these months and has shown me that he has the potential of being a fine commander.

"I also believe our Headquarters' staff is a fine group of professionals, well-tuned, customer-oriented and will find great satisfaction and fulfillment ahead. I know that the staff and Col. Vogt will work well together and only good things will come from that.

"So, believing a transition would not be harmful to this great organization at this time, I hereby tender my resignation from the office of National Commander to become effective no later than July 1, 2005, or earlier at an appropriate change of command ceremony at a time mutually agreed upon with Brig. Gen. Pineda. I wish for Civil Air Patrol and all its members the continua-

tion of our fine tradition of service to country, and the satisfaction of knowing that volunteer time in Civil Air Patrol has been well-spent."

Sincerely,

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DWIGHT H. WHELESS  
Major General, CAP  
National Commander

Both of these individual will continue on in CAP but in less time consuming roles. We wish them well.

On a more positive subject, if any of you have been by the wing maintenance facility, you will have noticed significant progress. Since my last update, the floor insulation, floor heating and cement floor have all been installed. At this time, progress is being made on the inside walls, electrical and plumbing for the structure. The facility may be finished by the end of July. It has been a long process, but the end of this portion of the maintenance facility looks to be in sight.

There continues to be many training opportunities for our members. The unit based search and rescue exercises and the Group IV SAR were completed in July. August brings two additional SAREXs. We also have the Staff Assistance Visit from the Air Force. Your Wing staff will be busy preparing for these events.

-Semper Vigilans

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## Color Guard participates in aviation hall of fame ceremony

by Capt. Janelle Gates,  
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The Minnesota Wing Honor Guard presented the Colors at the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame at the Thunderbird Hotel in Bloomington for a crowd of more than 500 April 23. This is the fourth year that CAP has been awarded this opportunity.

Being inducted included: Kenneth C. Butler, Minnesota Flying Farmers; Joseph Devorak, World War II fighter pilot and Fergus Falls FBO; Bohn Fawks, World War II bomber pilot and Hopkins community leader; Col. John R. Hed, Korean War veteran and Duluth Air Guard officer; Arthur Hinke, naval instrument flying specialist and North Central Airlines manager of flight operations; and Maj. Gen. Doyle Larson, former head of Strategic Air Command Intelligence Service and advocate for veterans affairs.

In addition, the Hall of



**The Minnesota Wing Honor Guard presented the colors at the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame induction ceremony in April. Photo by Dave Weiman, *Midwest Flyer***

Fame will be presenting the "Best Aviation Writing by a Minnesotan" for the fourth year to Lou Martin for his book, *Wings over Persia*, highlighting his flyer career during tumultuous changeover of rule of the Shah of Iran to Ayatollah Khoumeni.

The cadets were provided with dinner and the oppor-

### Aviation scholarship opportunity

tunity to meet and visit with all of the inductees, as well as many other aviators in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame will award a \$1,500 flying scholarship to a deserving young person to help furthering an aviation career.

If interested, please send a one-page essay on your goals for an aviation career. On a separate page, please list the name of a flight training school or aviation vo-tech school you plan to attend. Send applications to: [JanelleGates@msn.com](mailto:JanelleGates@msn.com) by Aug. 1.

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Equipment Station, as well as the usual encampment courses in aviation careers and moral leadership.

This year, the ANG sent the cockpit of an F4 Phantom fighter jet for cadets to examine and sit in. It was parked for most of the week, through graduation, in front of the encampment's headquarters building.

During graduation ceremonies, Wing Commander Col. Steve Miller announced that Wilberg will again be commander of next year's encampment. Miller also announced the next CTG commander will be C/Maj. Ryan Kenny. Both Wilberg and Kenny accepted the command appointments in a formal exchange of the CTG guidon.

### Senior member promotions

**Lt. Col.**

Douglas Kilian, Fort Snelling

**Major**

Joe Mullery and Raymond Rought both Minnesota Legislative

**Captain**

David Adams, Pipestone; Joseph Bradfield, Worthington;  
Aaron Burdick, Viking; Rob Carlson, North Hennepin;  
Kenneth Hartwig, Northland; Dan Jorgenson, Viking; James  
Miller, Grand Rapids; Paul Pieper, St. Paul

**1st Lt.**

Aaron Peterson, Southeast  
Megan Schroeder, North Hennepin

**2nd Lt.**

Linda Dilley, Wesota; Adam Dimich, Grand Rapids;  
Chris Gallus, Anoka; Donald Gallus, Anoka; Anoka;  
Darrell Sunvold, Wesota; Mary Sunvold, Wesota;  
Kendall Wallace, Duluth

**C/Capt**

Matthew Dunlevy and Ryan Kenny both Anoka

**C/2nd Lt.**

Brandon Vis, Worthington

### Momentous occasions ...

**C/Col. Jack Houck**, Anoka Squadron, received the 2005 North Central Region Cadet of the Year Award.



**C/Col. Jack Houck**

Red Wing Squadron will host a change of command ceremony July 28. **Capt. Jeffrey Bartelt** will assume command from Lt. Col. Vicki McGuire.

Owatonna Composite Squadron will celebrate a cadet change of command ceremony Aug. 2. **C/Chief Master Sgt. Annie Dally** will replace C/2nd Lt. Tyler Beckman.

**C/Capt. Joshua Waddell**, Viking, obtained his private pilots license July 7.



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