



Behind the 8 Ball



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From the Cadet Executive Officer



It amazes me every day that cadets and senior members alike willingly volunteer their time and experience to serve as a member of the Civil Air Patrol. Having been in the program for almost six years and participating on the National Cadet Advisory Council as a region representative and now as chair, I have met many individuals. Many of the people that have stood out to me have graduated from NBB. This is because they live the core values on and off duty. There is a culture here at Beret that you will never find anywhere else. It is one of the few activities that a larger group of individuals are able to trust and work with people they have never met and not have any problems. Many of the individuals that graduate from NBB live the core values and live by the Blue Beret Creed. I want to share with you a quote from a USAF Chief Master Sergeant. "Leadership is simply an opportunity to rise to the bottom." This simple explanation of servant leadership is one of the many qualities I have personally found in members of the Beret Family. That's right, we're a family, one of the biggest you will ever see, and we all know that the Beret itself is just a piece of cloth and the St. Albans Pin is just a piece of metal. The true meaning is in the fine print, it's what you can't see on the outside, morals. Today

we live in a society that at times seems to not have any morals, that is why you have to become the epitome of true character and integrity and serve as a beacon to what is right. That is why you are here, because you are one of the best youth in America and you strive every day to live the core values, and that is something to be proud of.

Beret is full of memories. I still tell stories to my fellow cadets about my experiences during NBB '12. Cherish and share these memories, but also teach future berets about what you learned and the challenges and how you overcame them, because while memories are nice they will quickly fade away into infinity, but what you learn and share will stick with you for eternity. So enjoy Oshkosh and remember to set the example and strive for mastery. I am a Blue Beret, Follow Me!

Jared Monasmith, C/Lt Col
NBB Cadet Executive Officer 2014

Safety Corner

Training operations have begun, meaning members are working around unfamiliar equipment, vehicles, moving around the airfield, and must maintain strict time management. Risks increase in order to accomplish the mission, but everyone's attentiveness to safety considerations will help reduce those risks. New emergency situation procedure signage has been posted across the Beret compound ensuring consistency for fast and appropriate responses. A fire drill practice set the standard to follow in case of an incident. Training courses were observed and will continue to be observed for safety considerations as the event progresses. Airfield vehicles such as Gators, golf carts, and mopeds were transported to the Warbirds organization venue by senior members and cadets over 18 successfully under close supervision by Safety, Vehicle Control, and the Lead Training, Advisement, and Counseling officer. As part of CAP and the USAF's key to safely assessing activity execution, operational risk management (ORM) training was conducted to familiarize members with the processes involved, which breaks down objectives, obstacles, and risks systematically. This process streamlines problem solving and aids accomplishing mission objectives safely, while minimizing unnecessary risks. Noting Blue Beret's safety record, the event is off to a promising start.

Brian Bauer, Maj
NBB Safety Officer 2014

Flight Line Duties

One of the tasks here at Blue Beret is "Fight-line." This is the marshalling of aircraft from the runway to the taxiway.

When a plane comes in for a landing and pulls to the side of the runway, the cadet will raise their arms above their head with the marshalling rods straight up and down telling the plane to "come to me".

As the plane gets closer the pilot will put up a sign saying where they are wanting to go to like FBO (Fixed Base Operations) WB (War-Birds) or GAP (General Aviation Parking). Once they see where they want to go, the Cadet will guide them toward their desired location.

Now if that was all that was needing to be done it would be a very easy task, but with the flight line there is so much more to it. Not only are cadets to guide planes off the runway but the flight line is basically a two way street, with planes on both sides of you to three or more planes in a row, a phrase to remember is "Keep your head on a swivel" as Mr. Gary or Cpt. Kemp says. Another is SA--"Situational Awareness"--we have had an incident here in years past, as displayed by the cone in the DFAC, of what happens when plastic meets a prop of a plane in just half a second...

All it takes is one mistake to have a large problem, the cadet standing near the cone prior to the incident got out of the way in time..



**Caleb Walters, C/TSgt
Cadet Public Affairs Officer**

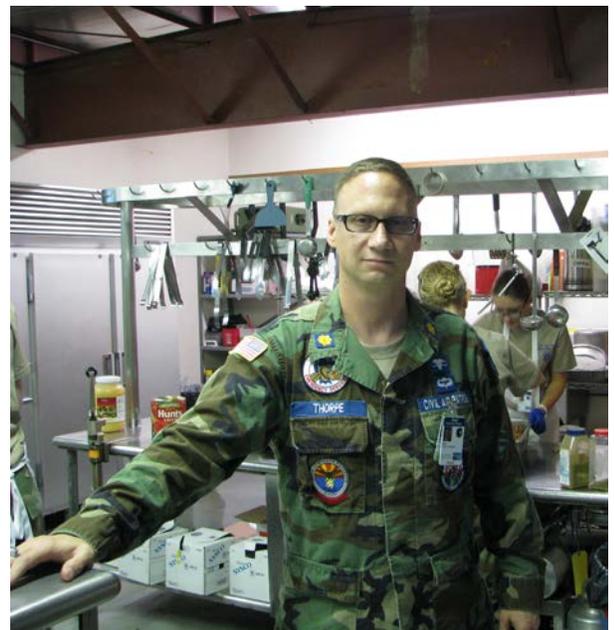
Food Services

This year the Food Services Section Chief is Major Douglas Thorpe. He has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from Arizona State University.

Did you know that nearly 75% of American teens and adults are deficient in Vitamin D? Vitamin D deficiency can lead to a long list of symptoms beyond bone disease, including fatigue, restless sleep, decreased concentration, and muscle pain and weakness. Even though Vitamin D precursors are synthesized by sunlight exposure, if the kidneys are unable to convert the precursors to the active form of Vitamin D a deficiency will result.

The menu at NBB is planned to provide adequate intakes of Vitamin D (as well as other nutrients) by including milk, sausage, and eggs with breakfast, and ham lunch meats. Vitamin D is a fat soluble molecule so you need to eat appropriate levels of fats for the body to absorb Vitamin D.

**Douglas Thorpe, Maj
NBB Food Services Section Chief**



Emergency Services at National Blue Beret



Emergency Services is a primary mission during NBB. During the first few days of the activity, the cadets took part in various different ES training sessions. Flights rotated through several stations during those days. The first station covered map reading and UDF (Urban Direction Finding). Trainees started with a briefing on UDF team functions and gear as well as the necessity of UDF teams at AirVenture. ES Staff covered each item in the pack and why we are required to carry it. ES Staff covered map reading and how to locate items on grid charts. They also instructed cadets about how to narrow their searches using these charts and covered how to shoot bearing and azimuths using a compass and plot where they intersect on the grid. Finally they covered a general the layout of Wittman Regional Airport, to ensure members of NBB would be familiar with the area that they would be working in for the remainder of the activity. The next station was an ELT overview and hands on search. After a very detailed

explanation of the L-Per the ES staff broke the group into smaller teams and had the teams attempt to locate the training ELT. Station three covered aircraft handling and parking procedures. Lt Col Rogers and Col Hanson covered aircraft tie-down procedures and the various knots that are used to safely secure aircraft. The cadets then learned safe fueling procedures and how to identify the various grades of fuel based on the color. The final station was Communications. Cadets reviewed radio skills that are specific to the Oshkosh operation. It was a successful day and everyone gained a wealth of valuable information pertinent to their success at NBB; and many skills that can be used back at their home squadrons!



*Matthew Chirik, C/1Lt
Chief Cadet Public Affairs Officer*

Foxtrot Flight Patch



Flight Commander: C/Lt Col Noah Johnson
Flight Leader: C/1Lt Alex Rose
TAC: Capt. Lisa Collum

Lima Flight Patch



Flight Commander: C/Capt. Nicholas Cavacini
Flight Leader: C/2dLt Wil Howard
TAC: Capt. Brent Snyder

Senior Member Highlight- Colonel Burgess Rennels Jr



I had the pleasure of sitting and enjoying a conversation with Colonel Rennels of Kansas Wing, a member of Civil Air Patrol for 44 years. He began his career in his hometown of Lawrence, Kansas as a cadet, before moving to the senior side of the program. In his 44 years he has taught, mentored and beamed with pride over many of his members. The Colonel is the former wing commander, and now Professional Development Officer of Kansas Wing. Here at Beret he has served on the Emergency Services team for six years, serving as a cart driver, controlling communications, the Ground Branch Director and shuttling cadets all the while imparting valuable wisdom and knowledge to cadets and seniors alike. When asked why he keeps coming back to NBB he cited the youth as his motivation when he said "If you can help a youth, you're doing something right." Beyond

CAP, Col Rennels works for the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation as the Administration Specialist for Inventory, when asked to describe his job he said "I get to play with the toys before the agents do." I asked the Colonel for one piece of advice to pass to the cadets here, after a moment of pondering he said, "Cherish what you have, do not let anybody stop you from progress, always continue your progress."

**Kyle Adams, C/Maj
Cadet Public Affairs Officer**

Trivia

Issue Answers:

How many current or former wing commanders do we have at NBB this year?

3

How many man-hours does CAP contribute to AirVenture yearly?

15,456 Hours

New Question:

How many Senior members at NBB are current or former military personnel?

