



Behind the 8 Ball



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Traditions

National Blue Beret consists of many aspects. Flight line, emergency services, training, off-duty activities, and tradition all combine to create the Blue Beret experience. In my personal opinion, tradition is the most interesting to explore. It goes beyond a patch of grass, a rock bed, or a silly hat. It is bigger than any one person or any one activity, bigger than all of us. How, then, does a tradition start? Simply put, it is someone doing something so awesome that years remember it. For example, years ago a group of male cadets decided on the last day of Blue Beret to yell "Good Night Ladies!" in the barracks right after lights out. To their surprise, the ladies yelled right back, "Good Night Guys!" The next year, the returning berets thought it so great that they carried it on. Just like that, a tradition is formed.

Tradition does not merely repeat actions that were deemed fitting of Blue Beret. By carrying out a custom set forth the year before, it is like honoring the group of cadets the year before. The next year, participating honors the previous years' cadets. Add up all the years that Blue Beret has been around, and quickly you have thousands of people that did the same thing in their day. Additionally, the cadets working to join the ranks of Blue Beret contribute a part of what makes tradition so powerful. I can say that in my first year at Blue Beret that I felt very special to be participating in the honored rituals of Blue Beret. It is rather like being in a veteran's program, where by giving honors to people you feel honored.

Every year, a tradition is in jeopardy. In our case, the responsibility of passing on the tradition rests on the returning berets. However, the ultimate test is the new arrivals. Every beret year, the new cadets decide if they want to continue the tradition. If no one honors the tradition, then it dies. Returning berets understand the sheer magnitude of respect and honor for the previous years conveyed by these customs. When we see new cadets take part in these long-lived activities, we see that new cadets understand the importance of it all. That goes a long way towards proving to the command that you are learning, accepting, and living the attitudes that exemplify the Blue Beret.

C/Col Ryan O'Conner
Deputy Cadet Commander



Core Values



Civil Air Patrol has four core values. We are very focused on integrity, volunteer service, and respect but many times we forget about excellence. Excellence is defined as the quality of excelling, which means going beyond a limit or standard. For CAP it is excelling to a level higher than another or others, to surpass another and be superior in performance, quality, or degree. The highest degree of excellence for a CAP cadet is to attain the Spaatz Award.

Excellence is more than achieving a high award, however. Excellence is also concerned about our own individual behavior and ability. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs places at the top, self-actualization which is further described as morality, creativity, spontaneity, problem solving, lack of prejudice, and acceptance of facts. Those who work with Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs often add "being a mentor" as part of self actualization. The opposite of excellence is complacency. Complacency is defined as a feeling of satisfaction. Those who seek excellence are never fully satisfied and this in turn leads to a life which demands a higher state of morality, creativity, spontaneity, and problem solving and leads to mentoring. As we move towards excellence we have a desire to mentor others to also move towards excellence. Imagine what we could achieve in a world where everyone seeks excellence. Excellence here at Blue Beret can be described by John Wooden's quote in *AirVenture Today*, "Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turns out." It is important to look for the best in everything and try to improve it.

Chaplin (Lt Col) Nancy Smalley

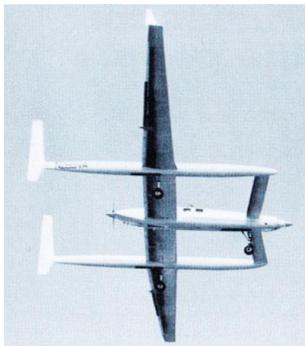


Dick Rutan



If you ever want to see a true American hero that was awarded the Presidential Citizen's Medal of Honor then you will want to make sure that you are at the National Blue Beret mess hall on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 20:00 to meet **Richard Glenn "Dick" Rutan**. He was

born in Loma Linda, California on July 13, 1938 where he gained an interest in flight at a young age. He is an aviator who piloted the Voyager aircraft that flew around the world non-stop with co-pilot Jeana Yeager. On his 16th birthday, he was busy earning both his pilots certificate and driver's license at the same time. Three years later at the age of 19 he began a military career joining the Air Force Aviation Cadet Program and later becoming a Lieutenant in the Air Force with the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing at Phu Cat Air Base. He completed 325 combat missions and flew 105 missions in the F-100F aircraft. In 1978 he retired from Air Force and joined his brother's business Rutan Aircraft Factory as a production manager. Then in early 1981 Rutan resigned from his position at Rutan Aircraft Factory and founded Voyager Aircraft, Inc. to prepare for the first ever around the world, non-stop, non-refueled flight in a Voyager aircraft. Five years later the airplane was complete and on December 14, 1986 the Voyager took off on its historic flight. Nine days, three minutes and forty-four seconds later Rutan and his co-pilot Jeana Yeager



landed on a dry lake bed at Edwards Air Force Base in California sending their accomplishment into the record books. The Voyager now hangs in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum gallery in Washington DC. and a replica of the aircraft can be found here on display at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, WI.



What better thing to do on a rainy day in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, but get a private tour of Station 14, the City of Oshkosh's aircraft rescue and firefighting station? All of the cadets of the National Blue Beret (NBB) on Thursday got just that and spent several hours learning how fire fighters respond to an aircraft incident and how the equipment operates. Station 14 protects the south side of the city which includes Wittman Field, home to the busiest airport in the world. It is generally staffed by three personal but during the Experimental Aircraft Association "AirVenture fly in" they have over fourteen personal on staff including help from the Wisconsin Air National Guard. Their duties include fire suppression, first responder, operating the airport aircraft rescue trucks and firefighting trucks. Captain Paul Buchholz of



Station 14 explained to the cadets how his operation works and how the emergency crews work with the Civil Air Patrol cadets on the flight line. The NBB cadets got the chance to not only see but climb aboard the following equipment at station 14: 1999 Pierce Quantum Quint (105 ft Aerial Lift), 2005 Medic Truck, 1994 GMC Foam/Dry Chemical Truck, 1985 Oshkosh T-1500 and a 2009 Oshkosh Striker.



Bill Campbell, 1st Lt, PAO NBB

SAFETY!

Lt Col Shappee says, "Keep your head on a swivel!" Only you can help prevent accidents



Aviation Quotes

"Aviation is proof, that given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible"
Eddie Rickenbacker

Pilots take no special joy in walking. Pilots like flying.
Neil Armstrong

"The exhilaration of flying is too keen, the pleasure too great, for it to be neglected as a sport"
Orville Wright

"Flying might not be all plain sailing, but the fun of it is worth the price"
Amelia Earhart



SER-PRWG Present at NBB 2010

Puerto Rico Wing present in NCSA National Blue Beret 2010. Many cadets from around the nation apply for NBB every year only, a few are selected to attend. Among those few cadets only two cadets from Puerto Rico were selected: C/1st Lt Angel R. Valle from Dr.Cesareo Rosa Nieves Cadet Squadron and C/Lt Col Lizbeth Roman from Lt Col Agustin Diaz Cadet Squadron. Both cadets also are



part of Steel Angels Drill Team and White Tigers Drill Team from Puerto Rico Wing. Valle and Roman are looking forward on teaching the cadets in PRWG all about Flight Line Marshaling and Emergency Services. C/Lt Col Lizbeth Roman says, "I'm really excited about teaching my fellow cadets how to marshal Cessna's back in PRWG" Valle adds, "I can't wait to wear my beret back in my home squadron." For both cadets National Blue Beret is an amazing experience.

C/Lt Col Lizbeth Roman



Featured Flight:



Flight Commander:

C/Capt Joe Zerilli

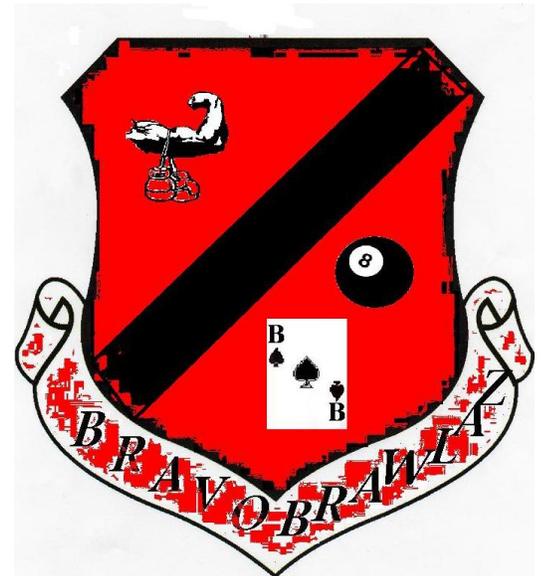
Flight Leader:

C/Capt James Schulgen

TAC Officer:

Maj Samantha Montgomery

Featured Flight: Bravo



Flight Commander:

C/1st Lt Martin perez

Flight Leader:

C/2d Lt krista Harbold

TAC Officer:

1st Lt Kelly Robinson

Photos by Bill Campbell, 1st Lt, PAO, NBB

Dining Hall

Hearing laughter and cheering sounds throughout our dining hall morning, noon and night are a common thing here at National Blue Beret. The cadets and staff love the options provided by our family-style meals. Even though some of us may be thousands of miles away from home, the personnel in charge of preparing the food make us feel like home by making sure there is a different choice of food to choose from each and every meal. Our Chef Joe Kaplor from Dallas, Texas, and his staff Terry Boyle, Charmi Vasquez, Daniel Franz and Gerald Crismon do their best to plan healthy, high energy meals that are perfect for all the calories we burn up each day. Kaplor shared his view on what it takes to prepare food each day, "Without the fine help from my staff and the young cadets assigned to help each day in the kitchen we couldn't possibly get the entire food ready on time." At breakfast, we have yogurt, fresh fruit, an assortment of cold cereals, pancakes and biscuits and gravy. At lunch and dinner we always get a salad and soup and a main course that includes chicken, lasagna, meat balls, fish and some type of desert and a beverage choice of lemonade or grape drink.



Bill Campbell, 1st LT, PAO NBB

What the Cadets Had to Say-

- "I like the dessert".
- "Mac & Cheese is great".
- PB&J is handy and easy when you're on the go".
- "Always having a warm drink available is really nice".
- "The staff is really nice, Good meal times, never hungry".



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