



Behind the 8 Ball



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Lt Col Phillip H. Aye, Jr., CAP

Some of you may have noticed that there is a little Colorado blue spruce fir tree in the North West corner of the compound. The tree is called Paco and was planted last year in memory of Lt Col Phillip H. Aye, Jr., of Kansas. Paco was named after another tree called Paco at the Aye's home in Kansas. Phillip was attending NBB in 2009 along with Col Regena Aye, who was the Activity Director that year, when he became ill. He was hospitalized on the way home to Kansas and passed away in St Louis Missouri in October 2009.



Delta Flight helped to tidy the area and trim the area around the tree when they found memorabilia that had been buried around Paco as tributes to the beloved Lt Col Philip Aye, Jr. The items included a St. Albans pin and several challenge coins and the cadets of Delta Flight were very careful to replace

each item with great respect and reverence exactly where it had been originally buried.



Col Regena Aye will be returning to Oshkosh this weekend for the Memorial Tribute Ceremony at the EAA Memorial Wall located at the foot of Compass Hill. A bronze plaque has been placed there honoring her husband and she will be staying with us here on the compound as our Distinguished Guest along with another guest from Kansas, Major Nichole Schlesener.

Capt Pam Morris



Fly Mart

Every year there is a very interesting part of Airventure that is a must see attraction. If you want a book, airplane parts, antiques, air show memorabilia, or just random trinkets, Flymart has everything your heart could desire, Air show-wise that is. Flymart is basically a miniature swap meet or “flee-market”. Every vender in fly mart has different items and at mostly reasonable prices. All cadets should be sure to go by there just to experience a different part of Airventure. The Flymarket is located just past the pavilion in the south-west area of the airshow.

C/Capt Alex Lewallen



SR-71 Pilot



It was an honor to meet and talk to Lt. Col Richard Graham a SR-71 Pilot. The SR-71 pilots are the best of the best, the highest degree of pilots because of their missions, the risk and their flying experience. It’s one thing to read books about an aircraft and pilots, but to actually meet an aviator who flew the SR-71 is a once in a lifetime experience.

C/CMSgt, Raymund L. Martinez, Echo Flight

Lt. Col Graham was very knowledgeable and friendly while talking to the cadets during dinner on Tuesday night. The cadets really enjoyed asking questions about flying secret missions, technical specs about the plane, and what it was like flying 3 times the speed of sound. Towards the end of dinner, Graham handed out signed books to three lucky cadets who could answer questions about the SR-71 aircraft.



C/Maj Ehren Rauch, Chief PAO

Canadian Air Cadets



Many CAP cadets think CAP is the only "Air Force" cadet program around, but as we learned tonight that is not the case. Our neighbors to the North have a program that is quite similar, the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. A small group of these cadets made a trip to compound to talk about their program. They talked about the differences and similarities between our programs. One notable

difference is the pay rate, that's right, THEY GET PAID! After a short presentation, the CAP and RCA Cadets sat down and shared ice cream amongst them. We all compared stories of activities and looked at the difference in uniforms. The Royal Canadian Air Cadets also put on a drill demo, which was a major treat for the CAP cadets of NBB to see. These cadets gave our cadets and insight into a world so close to ours, yet so vastly different.



C/Capt Alex Lewallen, Assistant PAO

Heroes of Flight 1549



The heroic day flight 1549 landed on the Hudson river was a day that made history. The US Airline crew of five took control and directed the passengers to safety. Their actions saved 155 souls. The co-pilot and one of the flight attendants stopped by at the NBB compound and talked to a few lucky cadets. If you had the privilege to meet them you know the story of how their training came into play that day. Doreen Welsh the flight attendant remembered thinking, "I finally get to do something with the training that we go through." As the pilot told the passengers to brace for impact it was only 90 seconds before they landed on the Hudson



river. Co-pilot Jeff Skiles states, "It was a lot of fate to land on the one square mile of America where we could be saved. "The quick and efficient actions of US Airlines flight 1549 earned the crew the prestigious Master's Award.

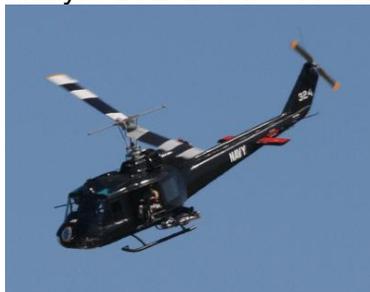
C/2d Lt Lorene S. Parker

Cells Phones, Good or Bad?

In today's world cell phones have become one of our addictions. It is hard to set our phones down if our peers have texted us, or if you just received a notification from Facebook. Imagine if NBB did not make the cadets turn in phones, would we be tempted to check that text or notification on the flight line? Pulling that cellphone out for a split second could cause a cadet to walk right into a dangerous situation.



We have all had an airplane show up out of nowhere on the flight line without technology to distract us. By turning in our phones at the beginning of the activity it decreases our distractions significantly. Also, at the compound it gives cadets the opportunity to visit with one another and that is what creates the Blue Beret Family. C/2d Lt Lorene S. Parker



Featured Flight: Alpha



Flight Cmdr: C/Maj Marah Carney
Flight Leader: C/2d Lt Alistair Dowds
TAC Officer: 1st Lt Robinson

Featured Flight: Foxtrot



Flight Cmdr: C/Col Daniel Bracken
Flight Leader: C/2d Lt Nicholas Donato
TAC Officer: 1st Lt Kenyon Fryman



C/2d Lt Lorene S. Parker

Uniform Care

Just like a picture is worth a thousand words, your visual appearance says a lot about who you are. Wearing any uniform for Civil Air Patrol makes you a direct representative for the organization. This image should be maintained to the best of your ability, especially when in public places. Here are a few tips to help you with BDU uniform wear.



Starch: Starching your BDU's should be avoided. Starch prevents air from flowing through the fabric, which increases your body temperature. When you sweat the starch also transfers to your skin, blocking your pores, compounding on your heat issues. This can be a dangerous situation when in hot climates, leading to heat exhaustion; it also causes sweat and salt spots on your uniform.

Washing tips: Do not use bleach or bleach substitutes, these will cause your uniform to fade. Wash uniforms inside out to prevent graying of material after multiple washes. When drying your uniform do not over dry, and remove them immediately when cycle ends to reduce wrinkles.



Ironing tips: When ironing your uniform the goal is to remove wrinkles caused by over drying and to flatten your collar and pockets. There is no need to iron a crease down your trousers or sleeves. A wrinkle free uniform presents a sharp image and reflects upon you, your unit and the organization as a whole.

Beret: Wearing a beret in CAP is a privilege for those who have supported the largest air show in North America. When wearing your beret it should be clean, free of fuzzies (shaved) and worn correctly upon your head. The beret edge binding should sit one inch (about two fingers) above your eyebrow and straight across forehead. The flash should be centered above the left eye. Pull excess material between the top and middle of the right ear. Hair should not extend below the front bottom edge of the beret.
(Thanks to the US Army for the uniform care tips) *Maj. Anthony Gorss, Emergency Services*

Capt Joe Kaplor

On Thursday July 28th we said goodbye to Capt Joe Kaplor, the Head Cook. Col James Peace presented him with a bronzed engraved eagle statue in appreciation for support for all that he does for us at NBB before Joe headed out to go home to Texas later that day. Capt Kaplor has been the Head Cook at National Blue Beret for two years and during that time he has been the cheery face that heads up the cook staff.

Joe came to NBB directly from cooking at the Texas Summer Encampment and loves the interaction with cadets. He congratulated the cadets for all their efforts and accomplishments here at NBB. "You are doing more than just graduating from the National Blue Beret activity, you are becoming citizens of the world", said Kaplor.

Joe has provided us all with some wonderful, varied meals, ensuring that we are all well and nutritiously fed for the tasks we perform here at the AirVenture.



Capt Pamela Morris