The Fell Swoop

Skyhawks Meet, Train & Prepare

Weekly squadron meetings are where the training begins for cadets. Reciting the Cadet Oath, preparing for inspections, using proper customs & courtesies, participating in classes & hands on activities are just a few of the activities that prepare cadets to be ready to serve in their community, state, and nation. As the cadets attend meetings and other training events they increase their knowledge and skills, make friends, and grow in confidence in their ability to interact with other CAP squadrons at volunteer service opportunities, bivouacs, Integrated Leadership Programs, Encampment, and National Cadet Special Activities. Getting involved at meetings opens the door to an amazing CAP career.
**Mission Statement**
Supporting America’s communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development and promotion of air, space and cyber power.

**Vision Statement**
Civil Air Patrol, America’s Air Force auxiliary, building the nation's finest force of citizen volunteers serving America.

**Core Values**
Integrity, Volunteerism, Excellence and Respect.

(From https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/about/who-we-are)

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**THE CADET OATH**

I pledge that I will serve faithfully in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program and that I will attend meetings regularly, participate actively in unit activities, obey my officers, wear my uniform properly, and advance my education and training rapidly to prepare myself to be of service to my community, state, and nation.
Promotions (October - December 2018)

John Curry Achievement:
   C/Amn Gracejoy Hughes
   C/Amn David Kim
   C/Amn Jayden Murray
   C/Amn Vaughn Thomas

Hap Arnold Achievement:
   C/A1C Jack Roper

Mary Feik Achievement:
   C/SrA Andrew Bisson

Wright Brothers Award:
   C/SSgt Thomas Cho

Eddie Rickenbacker Achievement:
   C/T Sgt Kaila Wright (October)

Charles Lindbergh Achievement:
   C/MSgt Jason Rodriguez (October)
   C/MSgt Kaila Wright (December)

Jimmy Doolittle Achievement:
   C/SMSgt Max Maffitt
   C/SMSgt Alek Prom
   C/SMSgt Jason Rodriguez (December)
The Profile of C/CMSgt Anthony Hacking –
Four year member of Squadron 47

Written by: Susan Bierle

C/CMSgt Anthony Hacking joined Squadron 47 four years ago in March, 2015. He first learned about Civil Air Patrol by visiting the CAP booth at the Miramar Air Show, and then was invited to visit Squadron 47 by Cadet Josiah Bierle. Cadet Hacking’s initial interest in CAP was prompted by his desire to learn more about aviation and military customs. Now being a high school senior and looking at his future plans, Cadet Hacking says that CAP gave him more insight on the workings of the US Air Force, and he is considering enlisting after graduation. He also has a desire to get his private pilot’s license in the future.

As an active member of Squadron 47, Cadet Hacking has held positions as element leader for Bravo and Charlie flights, Bravo flight sergeant, and First sergeant. Being First sergeant is his favorite leadership position so far, because he likes leading the squadron at meetings and also being able to teach and help guide newer cadets get off to a good start.

He has represented Squadron 47 on the Group 8 Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) for the past year, as indicated by the green cord he wears on the blues uniform. CAC acts as the liaison between the levels of CAP (National, Region, Wing, Group and Squadrons) as a way to disseminate cadet information and suggestions up and down the CAP chain of command.

Cadet Hacking attended the California Wing (CAWG) 2016 Encampment, Non-Commissioned Officer School as a student in the fall of 2016 and as an assistant seminar leader in the fall of 2018. He was on the 2017 Color Guard team as the indoor, junior flag member. He attended the National Rifle Association (NRA) Bivouac, the Inter-service Shooting Match, and multiple volunteer opportunities, such as airshows, parades, Wreaths Across America, and recruiting booths.

When asked if CAP has or will help his education and/or career, Cadet Hacking relayed that he has learned the importance of teamwork that will benefit him in his future endeavors. When he enlists in the US Air Force he is confident that his experience in CAP and learning about teamwork, proper discipline, drill, basics of wearing the uniforms, and military chain of command will all strengthen his future training and career.
Not only was Cadet Hacking a member of the 2017 Color Guard that attended the National Cadet Competition in Dayton, OH (pictured at the right), but he has been a valuable member of the color guard team for many local posting as he is proficient not only on the flag, but on rifles as well.

Lt to Rt: Cadets Lopez, I. Hamnquist, Bierle, B. Wright, A. Prom, and Hacking

The character qualities and skills Cadet Hacking has acquired through CAP are already being put to good use. As a CAP volunteer, he has honed his skills in working with and establishing a team to work toward a common goal with proficiency. He is a volunteer for his school’s technical management and production class that dedicates a lot of time to organizing theatrical productions. By being a volunteer in this area at school, he has used his team building skills and learned an area of expertise leading to opportunities in other jobs.

A favorite quote from Serena Williams that Cadet Hacking chose to share is: “A champion is not defined by their wins, but by how they can recover when they fall.” And, his encouragement to new cadets is, “Don’t walk into the squadron being nervous, be open to the program. Get involved and make friends! CAP is a good program to learn about military traditions and is filled with great opportunities not found elsewhere.”
Cadet Programs

To be of Service to My Community, State, and Nation

By C/SMSgt Kaila Wright

Within Civil Air Patrol, we as cadets are expected to live by the four core values: integrity, volunteer service, excellence, and respect. Among these core values is volunteer service. Between the months of October and December, our squadron was able to participate and give back to our community in the following ways: we served at the Fallbrook Harvest Faire, Vista Christmas Parade, and Miramar National Cemetery Wreaths Across America.

Being able to participate in each of these events has been a huge privilege for me and I had an outstanding time at each event. First, at the Fallbrook Harvest Faire, we had a booth set up to make foam Goddard rockets for all the children. The best part was being able to see the kids leave with huge smiles after helping them launch their rockets. This event is also a great way to recruit new members, which allows us to help teach and show others all the great activities that come with being in Civil Air Patrol. Cont’d on pg 7
I also had the great opportunity to participate in the Vista Christmas Parade. This event was definitely one of the most entertaining to participate in, because, honestly, what’s better than marching through a parade and having everyone cheer for your squadron? The Vista Christmas Parade really is an exceptional day and is a fantastic way to bond with cadets in our squadron and represent Civil Air Patrol in our community.

Lastly, but certainly not least, is Wreaths Across America. This event was definitely my personal favorite. If you have never been able to participate or attend this event, then I would highly suggest going. For Wreaths Across America, we travel to the National cemetery in Miramar to honor our fallen heroes, veterans, and active duty with wreaths, respect, and appreciation for everything they have sacrificed for our country. At over 1,600 locations across the United States, people gather to lay wreaths on our fallen heroes’ graves all at the same time.

It’s truly one of the best ways to exhibit admiration to those who fight and have fought for our freedoms.

All in all, within Civil Air Patrol, our Squadron gives us many opportunities to participate in not only fun, but character building activities that help us live out our fourth core value of volunteer service.
Emergency Services

November Training Night:
Mission Base
Ground Teams
“Air Crews”
Radios &
First Aid

Ground Team (By C/CMSgt Ian Hamnquist)
On Tuesday November 27th our squadron had an Emergency Services activity night, in which I was a member of a ground team. A ground team consisted of four people with a walkie-talkie, a section map and/or a compass. The team was sent to search for the downed aircraft or missing persons. In our situation, we were informed of multiple missing persons in various locations. During this exercise our squadron was broken up into 4 ground teams, 2 simulated CAP planes and a mission base. Our team consisted of C/TSgt Wright, C/MSgt Kim, C/SrA Cho and me. As the event started, our ground team was sent out to a certain point on the map and after we arrived to the target location we had to search the area for possible injured persons. After we informed the base that our area was clear, then the base gave us a new grid section to move toward. We ended up in the area of the missing person; once we found the missing person we did immediate, emergency first aid on him to bandage his “wounds.” After our missing person was bandaged and stabilized, we were sent to another position on the map to search for the other people. After searching further, the other ground teams and simulated CAP planes located the other missing person.
Mission Base (By 2dLt Rohrbacher)
On this particular Tuesday we had a radio experience night. After running through a brief radio familiarization class we were split up into “ground teams,” “air crews,” myself and two other cadets were positioned as a “mission base.” We used the radios and gridded map to guide other cadets through the grounds near the squadron in search of “missing persons.” The activity was great fun, allowing us not only to work on small group leadership, but our organizational skill and radio skills.

Air Crew (By C/CMSgt A.Prom)
During the radio operation training activity my team was assigned the role of aircraft CAP 537. Through this we communicated with the base to help direct our aircraft to new locations and performed searches for a victim. Being in an airplane in this simulation we were not able to directly help the fallen victim so it was up to us to help find the victim instead. I had a lot of fun and also got some really good practice in radio operations and search procedures.
Aerospace Education

October: Cadets worked with the Robotic Arm, Flight Simulators and Drones

November: Maj Roland taught a class on airport systems, and cadets got hands on airport flight pattern simulation.
Aerospace Education

December: A new Stem Kit was used to reinforce Maj Roland’s class on solar power and electricity.

Are you interested in seeing pictures from our weekly meetings and staying connected with Squadron 47? Like and Follow our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/squadron47
2019 Upcoming Events

26 January – San Diego Group 8 Banquet at Casa Machado Mexican Restaurant
18:30-21:00 hours. *Reservations must be made by 24 January* with LtCol Dennis Ammann at Dennis.ammann@cawgcap.org or 619-247-2457

TBD – Tour of the San Diego Coast Guard facility. The tour was postponed, so watch your email for the new date

10 February – Group 8 Color Guard Competition, Vista, CA

15-18 February – California Wing Cadet Programs Conference 2019.
See the details below

2-3 March – CAWG Cadet Competition. SQ 47 Color Guard team will be traveling to Bakersfield CA for this event. We wish them well!

11 May – SQ 47 Annual Awards Banquet and Patriotic Celebration. Save the date!

6-13 July – CAWG Cadet Summer Encampment. Watch for emails with more information

***It is important to be in the habit of READING all the emails you receive concerning CAP events. Emails are the #1 way to get the information you need about upcoming events.***

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CAWG Cadet Programs Conference 2019

**CPC General Information:** 15-18 February, 2019 at Camp San Luis Obispo, CA
Check In (Feb 15): 5pm to 2am -- Check Out (Feb 18): 10am to 1pm
General Fee: $125 (cadets and seniors)

**Deadlines:**
General Registration Deadline: January 31st, 2019 at 11:59pm
Late-Fee Registration Deadline*: February 8th, 2019 at 11:59pm

**Late-Fee Deadline Details:**
Members who miss the general registration deadline will incur a $15 late charge added to their registration due to catering late fees imposed onto CPC and will only be accepted based on space available.
Participants: $140 Banquet-Only: $80

If you have any questions, comments or concerns -- or have financial/payment or registration questions, please use the "Contact Us" page located on www.CAWGCPC.com
Just a reminder, visit the CPC website (listed above) for the most up-to-date information.

Happy Registering!
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Bravo Flight Sergeant- C/SMSgt Kaila Wright

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First Aid Cadet - C/A1C Caleb Burns

“The broadest and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good.”
~Ivan Scheier

“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.”
~Winston Churchill

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