

Quality Cadet Unit Award— Update

As of January 31st we have met 3 of the 9 possible criteria (we need a minimum of 5 to earn the award).

Don't forget, we ALL can work towards this goal, and here's how...

CADETS Have you gotten an o-ride this year? Have you earned the Wright Brothers Award? Have you gone to an encampment?

SENIOR MEMBERS Have you completed the Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) course?

If you answered no to any of the previous questions, you can help. Recruiting & retention is also another area that can help us.



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KSTG Winter Encampment – A Cadet Perspective

C/Amn Braden Bean
& C/A1C Luke Hohenberger
Southwest Iowa Composite Squadron

“Get up, get up, get up, get your gear and standby!” that’s what we woke up to every morning at the Kansas Wing Winter Encampment this Christmas Break. We had the choice to learn Military Discipline for a week down in Salina, Kansas at Air National Guard Base or stay home and possibly risk not being part of something better.



First, when we got there, we had to go through “in-processing” and that’s where we got the first, loud taste of motivation. We were

welcomed with the first words of “walk with a sense of urgency”. Afterward we were thinking, “this is going to be a challenging but fun experience.” At the end of the week there was no doubt in our minds we made the right choice. This is where we wanted to be during Christmas vacation. We learned how to perfect drills for a drill competition that was coming up at the end of the week.

Every time we had free time we were reading our SOP, the Standard Operation Procedures rule book. We ate breakfast, lunch and supper at the St. Johns Military School. The meals were outstanding and the staff was very kind. We took classes such as aerospace, leadership, space command, NRA, managing an airport, battlefield commands, and so much more. Pt or Physical Training as it is known was an early morning ritual, even before sunrise. We chanted jodies on the run from the barracks to the

training facility where we would do our pt. Each day they extended the reps, making it more challenging.



On the third day of Encampment we had the best flight of our life! We rode in a KC-135 Tanker, and guess what? We got to sit in the cockpit. We refueled a B-2 Stealth Bomber. It was the highlight of our encampment experience! Seeing this, what people are doing to keep our country free, makes us so proud to be Americans. It confirmed that the Air Force is the right choice for us.

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January Awards & Promotions

Each month, on the 3rd Saturday during our day long meeting, we take time out to acknowledge all of the awards and promotions from the prior month.

Achievement #2 & Promotion to C/A1C

Cadet Bean

Achievement #3 & Promotion to C/SrA

Cadet Hohenberger

Gen Billy Mitchell Award & Promotion to C/2d Lt

Cadet Salvato

Encampment Ribbon

Cadet Bean

Cadet Hohenberger

Encampment Ribbon Clasp #1

Cadet Salvato

Red Service Ribbon Clasp #1

Cadet White

Promotion to 2d Lt

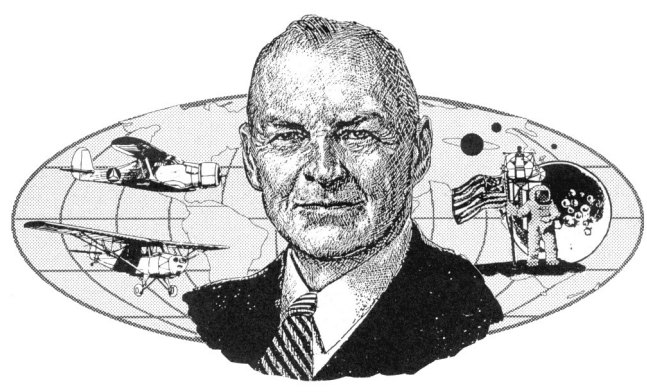
Brett White

Membership Ribbon

Brett White

Leadership Ribbon Silver Star Attachment

Jessa Erickson



Ranking Up—Achievements and Levels

From cadets to senior members, we are all given the chance to earn promotions and succeed.

Cadet PT Bests—January Update

Phase	Sit-ups	Date Completed	push-ups	Date Completed	sit & reach	Date Completed	shuttle run	Date Completed	mile run	Date Completed
Phase I	65 Luke Hohenberger	1.10.12	54 Payton Kalambokidis	2.28.10	37 cm Kaleb White	9.29.07	9.2 sec Payton Kalambokidis	5.29.10	6:37 Payton Kalambokidis	2.23.10
Phase II	75 Logan Taylor	7.13.10	39 Kaleb White	1.15.11	35 cm Kaleb White	10.27.09	9.6 sec Kaleb White	6.8.10	7:04 Logan Taylor	10.12.10
Phase III										
Phase IV										

Senior Members — Level II

Now that you've completed Level I, and I'm pleased to report that **93% of our senior member contingency has**, it's time to move on to Level II.

Here's a brief rundown on the Level II requirements and the best way to go about completing them.

- Officer Basic Course—This is a completely online course and you have 3 months to complete it, self-paced. To get you started I have compiled all of the lessons in PDF format and would be happy to email those to you. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for the course.
- Squadron Leadership School—This is a two-day

course, generally held in Ankeny with billeting at Camp Dodge. The dates for this year's course have not been released, but as soon as they are we will let you know.

- Specialty Track Technician Rating—Once you've been placed in a duty position you'll generally begin work in a desired specialty track. If you haven't yet please [take a look at this page](#) and see what you might like to work on. The PDFs for the respective tracks also contain information on how to complete each rating. Some are a little vague though so please let me know if you have any questions!

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28				

Meetings

- **7 February** — Cadet Meeting
Emergency Services
Red Oak, IA Airport
1800-2030
- **14 February** —
CPFT & Testing
Red Oak, IA Airport
1800-2100
- **21 February** — Cadet Meeting
Aerospace Education
Red Oak, IA Airport
1800-2030
- **23 February** — Cadet Meeting
Leadership & Character Development
Red Oak, IA Airport
1800-2030

Special Events

- **4 February**—Trip to Des Moines (the National Weather Service & Gold Star Museum)
- **14 February**—Valentine's Day
- **18 February**—Saturday Meeting

Birthdays

- **4 February**—Jordan Brasher
- **11 February**—Heather Kesterson

CAP teams claim 4 of 12 slots in CyberPatriot IV

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

– Civil Air Patrol cadet teams will make up one-third of the 12 spots in the All-Services Division finals of CyberPatriot IV, the national high school cyber defense competition.

When the two days of national finals begin March 23 at the Gay-

lord National Harbor Convention Center in Gaylord, Mid., CAP will be represented by teams from the:

•Alabama Wing – Springville Composite Squadron.

•Colorado Wing – Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron.

•Ohio Wing – Youngstown ARS Composite Squadron.

•South Dakota Wing – Big Sioux Composite Squadron.

The four teams emerged from Round 3 of the national competition, held Jan. 13-14. Two teams each from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps junior ROTCs make up the rest of the final field. [Read More](#)

Learn to Lead Volumes 3 & 4 – New drafts available!

New drafts of Learn to Lead Volumes 3 and 4 have been posted. These temporary files, containing all text but no photos or sidebars,

can be used by cadets to study for online leadership exams (available after 10 January). Full-color drafts with photos and for-

matting will be posted as soon as they are available. Download the new drafts today from <http://www.capmembers.com/L2L>

NCR Cadet Competition Registration NOW Open

Registration is now open for the NCR Cadet Competition. This year the competition will be held at Camp Ripley, near Little Falls, MN, April 13-15, 2012.

As there wasn't a IA Wing cadet competition this year, squadron's interested in participating in this

year's competition should contact me (Capt Brian Mishmash) ASAP for eligibility. Wing Commander approval is required to compete.

If your squadron is interested in participating next year, this would be a great opportunity to see it in action from the stands versus

learning the "in's and out's" under the pressure of competition. If members are interested in attending this year's competition as spectators to learn more about the annual cadet competition, please have them contact me.

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Cadet Promotions Boards

One of the requirements for cadet promotions is a board of review (BOR). Most of you have already been through this is and hopefully will agree with me that is a great chance to identify both strengths and weaknesses to better help you prepare for the increased responsibilities that will come with a promotion.

It is the cadet's responsibility to request a BOR and we ask that a request be made no less than one week in advance. Requests can be made either in person or via email once all other promotion requirements have been met.

Cadet Resources A Quick Reference for Everything Cadet

- [News & Updates](#)
- [Help for New Cadets](#)
- [Information for Parents](#)
- [Promotions](#)
- [Drill & Ceremonies](#)
- [Upcoming Encampments](#)
- [CAP Scholarships](#)
- [Orientation Flights](#)
- [Leadership Curriculum](#)
- [Training Leaders of Cadets](#)
- [Cadet Special Activities](#)

Shifty—an incredible American hero

by Chuck Yeager

Shifty volunteered for the airborne in WWII and served with Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, part of the 101st Airborne Infantry. If you've seen Band of Brothers on HBO or the History Channel, you

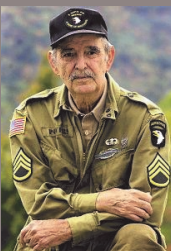
borne, on his hat.

Making conversation, I asked him if he'd been in the 101st Airborne or if his son was serving. He said quietly that he had been in the 101st. I thanked him for his service, then asked him when he served, and how many jumps he made.

Quietly and humbly, he said "Well, I guess I signed up in 1941 or so, and was in until sometime in 1945 ..." at which point my heart skipped.

At that point, again, very humbly, he said "I made the 5 training jumps at Toccoa, and then jumped into Normandy . . . do you know where Normandy is?" At this point my heart stopped.

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know Shifty. His character appears in all 10 episodes, and Shifty himself is interviewed in several of them.

I met Shifty in the Philadelphia airport several years ago. I didn't know who he was at the time. I just saw an elderly gentleman having trouble reading his ticket. I offered to help, assured him that he was at the right gate, and noticed the "Screaming Eagle," the symbol of the 101st Air-

Senior Member Training

The following is a list of courses provided to all senior members to further advance their education and training within CAP. Completion of some of these classes is mandatory to promote and complete a level.

As dates become available for the following courses we will list them on our calendar as well as below.

Squadron Leadership School (SLS)

is required for the Benjamin O. Davis Jr. Award (Level II).

Available online, [sign up here](#).

Officer Basic Course

is required for the Benjamin O. Davis Jr. Award (Level II)

Available online, [sign up here](#).

Corporate Learning Course (CLC)

is required for the Grover Loening Aerospace Award (Level III).

Available online, [sign up here](#).

Unit Commander's Course (UCC)

is advised for those wishing to serve on the Command Staff.

Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC)

is a component of the Cadet Programs Officer Specialty Track



Senior Members

What keeps a good squadron on its feet and prepared at all times is a well trained and knowledgeable staff.

Professional Development

As always, we're placing a big emphasis on senior member training. It's not just because we're a composite squadron and that's part of what we do, it's also because in order to thrive as a group we ALL need to strive to do better, to be better.

To the left you'll notice a list of 4 professional development courses designed to introduce newer members to CAP as well as to help more seasoned CAP members hone their skills and run an effective CAP squadron.

I personally have taken all 4 courses and would recommend that everyone try to take at least one of them this year.

- **ONLINE COURSE(S)** The Officer Basic Course was introduced back in 2010 as the replacement for the ECI-13 course. It is entirely online and

you have 3 months to complete the course, self-paced.

- **TWO DAY COURSE(S)** The Squadron Leadership School, Corporate Officer Course and Unit Commander's Course are all offered by Wing and last two-days. To receive credit for the courses they should be completed in the order as listed above, but it is possible to take the courses out of order if the available dates work out that way for your schedule.

In addition to those there is one additional course that we will be placing a strong emphasis on this year, and that is the Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) course. Since we are a composite squadron this course is going to be very valuable for us and my goal for this year is to see at least 2 people complete it.

Important Updates . . .

Forms & Regulations Updates

- CAPR 35-1—[Assignment and Duty Status](#)

Specialty Track Updates

Public Affairs Changes are still being made to this specialty track including a new online test which will most likely be required for the technician rating as it is meant to be a replacement for the ECI CAP Public Affairs Officer correspondence course. Until that test is done and ready for the masses, the requirement has been pulled.

Misc Updates

- Wear of the Airman's Battle Uniform (ABU): DoD policy prevents the transfer, donation, and sale of digitized camouflage pattern uniforms to anyone outside the USAF with very few exceptions. Unfortunately Civil Air Patrol is not one of the exceptions... [View article](#).

2011 - Year In Review

*All statistics are as of December 31, 2010

Total squadron membership: 21
15 senior members—6 cadets

New Members:

- Cadets—3
- Senior Members—3
- Cadet Sponsors—4

Growth Rate:

Since Dec. 31, 2008—300%
Since Dec. 31, 2010—95%

Promotions:

Senior Members—5
Cadets—9

Notable Squadron Activities:

- 3 cadets attended the KSTG Winter Encampment
- Cadet Bean was named the Alpha Flight Honor Cadet at encampment
- 3 members attended scanner training in Ankeny
- 2 members participated in the Wing Compliance Inspection in Davenport
- 7 members participated in

- the Red Oak Fly In
- 2 members completed the Unit Commander's Course in Ankeny
- 4 senior members participated in the Youth Aviation Day at Red Oak
- 4 members participated in the Offutt Air Show
- 4 members participated in Fly Iowa at Newton
- The squadron had an article featured in The Volunteer about the Youth Aviation Day
- 1 member placed with four photos in the Iowa Aviation Promotion Group's annual photo contest
- 4 members participated in the fall bivouac at Waubonsie State Park
- 3 members attended the Iowa Wing Conference in Dubuque
- We were featured on KMA with a 15 minute interview on Wreaths Across America
- 8 members participated in the WAA ceremony
- We collected 127 wreath

sponsorships for WAA


Awards:

- 11 ribbons were earned
 - 6 attachments were earned
- *total count does not include Cadet achievement ribbons
- Cadet Airman of the Year Luke Hohenberger
 - Cadet NCO of the Year Josh Salvato
 - Most Improved Braden Bean
 - Best Uniform Josh Salvato
 - PT Best Braden Bean
 - AFA Outstanding Cadet Luke Hohenberger
 - Cadet Commander Josh Salvato
 - Cadet Sponsor of the Year Theresa Hohenberger
 - Senior Member of the Year Jessa Erickson

Links You NEED to Know About!


Squadron Links

 [Facebook](#) We post photos, notes about upcoming events (including meeting cancellations), important news, etc. so be sure to "Like" us so you can keep up.

 [WordPress](#) In addition to our new social media venue, we've also instituted an online blog via a Wordpress account.

Wing Links

[Iowa Wing Website](#)

 [WordPress](#) Check out this site for information on scheduled events, what the other squadrons are doing, and other cool stuff.

Quality Cadet Unit Award



Let's celebrate those squadrons that have strong program fundamentals... Let's get even more squadrons

pointed in the right direction... What's measured tends to be what gets done: Enter the Quality Cadet Unit Award.

Any cadet unit that displays strong program fundamentals can earn the [Quality Cadet Unit Award](#). This new award motivates squadrons to pursue goals that we think will inevitably lead to their having a vibrant Cadet Program. The Quality Cadet Unit Award is purely objective. Cadet and composite squadrons who meet the challenging criteria as of 31 December

each year (beginning this year) automatically earn the award. There's no application process -- every cadet unit is entered automatically.

Faithful readers of the Cadet Blog might remember we floated the idea of the QCUA back in 2009 in our "[Slumdog vs. Tooev Spaatz](#)" posting. Over 80% of respondents to our informal poll supported the award's concept, so we're hopeful that the QCUA will prove to be a popular and effective award program. Reports & tracking tools will be in eservices soon.

The 2011 QCUA feature 2 squadrons from Iowa. Congratulations to the Northwest Iowa Composite Squadron and the East Iowa Cadet Squadron on a job well done!

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