



THE ILLINOIS WING RECAP!

Where Imagination Takes Flight



We are trying out a new format for the newsletter. Please let us know how you like it. Reply to [Lt Col Paul Hertel](#)

Upcoming Events

Check the wing calendar regularly for new and updated events. [Calendar](#)



Help Wanted

Illinois Wing needs a Cyber Officer. This person will help advise on the Cadet Cyber Patriot program as well as help prepare IL Wing for the future Cyber Defense role coming to CAP. For more details contact Lt Col Fletcher. Also needed is an Assistant Wing Finance Officer. Lt Col Gary Wolfe, Director of Finance Illinois Wing (Email) gwolfe@ilwg.cap.gov



From the desk of Col. Matthew Creed, Great Lakes Region Commander:

I am proud that each of our wings is represented in this year's annual award winners. From junior cadets to the most experienced senior members; from AE to ES to Cadet Programs; and from front line operators to critical mission support leaders, these awards recognize exceptional unpaid professionals that help make us an outstanding team.

Here are this year's Great Lakes Region Annual Award Winners:

SENIOR MEMBER AND CADET OF THE YEAR

Senior Member of the Year – Lt Col Thomas Wendlegast, Kentucky Wing
 Cadet of the Year – C/Col Annika Walukas, Wisconsin Wing

AEROSPACE EDUCATION AWARDS

Brewer Award - Cadet – C/1st Lt Liam Hood, Michigan Wing
 Brewer Award - Senior – Capt Vijay Anand, Ohio Wing
 Brewer Award - Organizational - Indianapolis Aero Club, Indiana Wing
 AE Teacher of the Year Award – Capt Angelo Ifandis, Ohio Wing
 Maj Gen Jeanne Holm AE Officer of the Year – 1st Lt David Straughn, Indiana Wing
 Air Force Association AE Cadet of the Year - C/Maj Joel Sellers, Kentucky Wing

CADET PROGRAM AWARDS

Jack Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year – MSgt Kristofer Matthews, Illinois Wing
 Air Force Sergeants Association Non-commissioned Cadet of the Year – C/CMSgt Ethan Cochran, Kentucky Wing

OPERATIONS

Col David Kantor Operations Staff Officer of the Year – Capt H. Dennis Hardison, Kentucky Wing
 Col Ed Lewis Incident Staff Member of the Year – Lt Col Christopher Trossen, Wisconsin Wing
 Col Dion Decamp Ground Team of the Year – Southern Kentucky Cadet Squadron (KY300), Kentucky Wing
 Lt Col T. Keith Riddle Aircrew Member of the Year - 2d Lt Chris Reiff, Kentucky Wing

MISSION SUPPORT

Communicator of the Year – Lt Col Thomas Myers, Indiana Wing

Col Lester E. Hopper Wing Historian of the Year – Maj Shawna Hoekstra, Michigan Wing
Property Manager of the Year – Maj Eric Milles, Kentucky Wing
Senior Chaplain of the Year – Chap, Lt Col Lang Yang, Michigan Wing and Deputy Region Chaplain
Squadron Chaplain of the Year – Chap, Lt Col Carlos Ortiz, Kentucky Wing
Character Development Instructor of the Year – Lt Col Walter Distelzweig, Ohio Wing
Safety Officer of the Year – Maj Ryan Krenke, Wisconsin Wing
Col Robert "Bud" Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year – 1st Lt Vincent Cannon, Indiana Wing
Professional Development Officer of the Year - 1st Lt Jamie Hiles, Illinois Wing
Director of Finance of the Year - Maj Kevin Houser, Ohio Wing
Inspector General of the Year - Major David McDonald, Indiana Wing

From the Chaplain



In a time of technology it is amazing how we as a people still refer to our tradition to look at various things in society. We have 5G technology and we are still fascinated with whether or not the groundhog will see its shadow to solicit the idea of whether or not we will have more weeks of bad weather. It appears many things we once relied on, we now see them as a myth to hold on to the past.

As I sit and ponder the reality of where we are, at time it seems that we have lost sight of the foundation that has propelled us to a height never before observed. We have become a nation that can't deal with reality, because in many instants, we are out of touch with it. For many we no longer see the Higher Power as being a Creator, but a myth that we can put Him or Her in a box, because we have become our own creator and there is no need for a Higher Power. Yet, we seek the Real Higher Power in time of calamities and distress. Does this occur, because we at time forget the rudiment of where we came from or how we evolved to where we are? An old wise woman once told me "Son by the time you learn how to live life it time to die". When I finally got nerve to inquire the interpretation of that statement. She informed me "That if you are spiritual it is something one must figure out for themselves". I came to the conclusion that longevity didn't have anything to do with it. It how one lives their lives as it related to the Golden Rule. But, in today society that rule is challenged, because we have lost sight of the fact that I am my brother keeper. We have evolved to a point in society that it is about me until I am in need, then it becomes us.

We travel many places and see many things in our lives, it not the things that we have seen that is the most important. What is the most important is what did we learn from those experiences. So many people live a long life and learn so little, and there are those that live a very short life and have so much to offer. I must ask the question, what good is a long life that is not beneficial to society?

Chaplain Le'on Willis, Major

National Cyber Awareness System:

Safer Internet Day

02/10/2020 10:58 AM EST



CISA
CYBER+INFRASTRUCTURE

Original release date: February 10, 2020

February 11, 2020, is Safer Internet Day, a worldwide event aimed at promoting the safe and positive use of digital technology for all users, especially children and teens. This year's theme—Together for a better internet—encourages everyone to play their part in creating a safer, more secure internet.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) encourages users to view the [Safer Internet Day website](#) and the following tips:

- [Keeping Children Safe Online](#)
- [Dealing with Cyberbullies](#)
- [Rethink Cyber Safety Rules and the "Tech Talk" with Your Teens](#)

Ice bowl was another great success. Weather grounded the aircrew on Saturday but Sunday we were able to get a sortie up. The weekend saw our Ground teams rock it once again proving the can operate in any weather.

The Great Lakes SAREX is almost here. The exercise will run from 1 to 14 March. We can expect Photo missions, DAART missions, ELT searches, missing aircraft searches and medical transport runs. The entire State is in

play so we'll need every available ES asset to participate. if you have any questions or additional info please reach out to Lt Col Bob Taylor or Lt Col Kirk Thirtyacre.

Looking forward to the Summer, The Johnson Flight Academy will run concurrent with NESAs this year. NESAs had to move their dates due to an Army exercise, so June will see our assets stretched thin.

The Wing ES Academy Bivouac will be held August 7-9 at Dacy Airport in Harvard, IL. The event comes at the end of Summer encampment, so plan accordingly. Although it is held at the northern end of the state, everyone is welcome to come pitch a tent or bed down in a local hotel if camping isn't for you. As we do every year, we will train in ES specialties and also conduct O Flights for the CAdets who show up.



Personnel Announcements!

New Members

| Name | Date Joined | Unit |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| SM Bruce I Swift | 4-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-312 |
| SM Travis Eygabroad | 24-Jan-2020 | NHQ-NHQ-004 |
| CADET Jevon Jabari Jordan | 21-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-332 |
| CADET Anthony Krikor Jazaerlian | 15-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-189 |
| CADET Anthony Enzo Bartalone | 31-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-274 |
| CADET Johan Andreas Holsinger | 9-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-286 |
| CADET Shadrack Tinkoy | 7-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-189 |
| CADET Alexandra Izabela Zapolsky | 7-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-049 |
| CADET Steven D Hubbard | 31-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-274 |
| CADET Ryan Joseph Beaulieu | 17-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-274 |
| CADET Rebeca Luedtke | 15-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-042 |
| SM Michael J Haney | 14-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-008 |
| CADET Joseph A Todd | 14-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-008 |
| CADET Sandoval Marie Kimberly | 20-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-334 |
| SM William L Jagnow | 22-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-312 |
| SM Wendy S West | 22-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-240 |
| CADET Grace Kimlyn Wong | 22-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-075 |
| SM Michael C Dobra | 27-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-004 |
| SM Mark R Hess | 29-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-189 |
| SM Angela Jones | 29-Jan-2020 | NHQ-NHQ-004 |
| CADET Christian James Micetich | 31-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-329 |
| CADET Daniel Judson Yates | 31-Jan-2020 | GLR-IL-036 |

Cadet Awards



| Name | Date | Award | Unit |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
| C/2dLt William G Petry | 13-Jan-2020 | MITCHELL | GLR-IL-327 |
| C/2dLt Mark Richard Luchsinger | 14-Jan-2020 | MITCHELL | GLR-IL-282 |
| C/2dLt Ryan Paul Prell | 21-Jan-2020 | MITCHELL | GLR-IL-189 |
| C/SSgt Nicolas Owen Coffee | 7-Jan-2020 | WRIGHT BROTHERS | GLR-IL-004 |
| C/SSgt Eric Gu | 7-Jan-2020 | WRIGHT BROTHERS | GLR-IL-189 |
| C/SSgt Jack C Melone | 10-Jan-2020 | WRIGHT BROTHERS | GLR-IL-274 |
| C/SSgt Spencer Babi Benson | 10-Jan-2020 | WRIGHT BROTHERS | GLR-IL-274 |
| C/SSgt Jonathan Lunsmann | 14-Jan-2020 | WRIGHT BROTHERS | GLR-IL-263 |

C/SSgt Tyler Sapiega 14-Jan-2020 WRIGHT BROTHERS GLR-IL-189 C/SSgt Julia Watson 24-Jan-2020 WRIGHT BROTHERS GLR-IL-205 C/SSgt Dylan Kaihao Xianto 28-Jan-2020 WRIGHT BROTHERS GLR-IL-075 C/SSgt Sara Christine Simpson 28-Jan-2020 WRIGHT BROTHERS GLR-IL-205

Cadet Promotions

(New Grade) Name Date Unit

C/Maj Alexis Matina Vasiliadis 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-067
C/1stLt Paige Alexandra Cox 8-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-036
C/2dLt William G Petry 13-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-327
C/2dLt Mark Richard Luchsinger 14-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-282
C/2dLt Ryan Paul Prell 21-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-189
C/CMSgt Samantha Kate Ohrwall 26-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-327
C/CMSgt Evan Hoefer 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-240
C/CMSgt Natalie Corrine Barker 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-240
C/CMSgt Zain A Sattar 31-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-274
C/SMSgt Eileen Jarrett 7-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-042
C/SMSgt Daniel Zhuang 7-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-042
C/SMSgt Emma Elizabeth Teo 7-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-189
C/SMSgt Mia Clark 14-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-205
C/SMSgt David Andy Ciszewski 21-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-075
C/SMSgt Amanda Gusewelle 27-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-286
C/SMSgt David Riley Brown 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-205
C/MSgt Amari D Harris 16-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-332
C/MSgt Solan Kyle Everly 20-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-334
C/MSgt Matthew Tyler Weippert 21-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-075
C/MSgt Jillian Jade Ondrus 21-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-075
C/MSgt Megan Renee Dickerson 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-282
C/MSgt Vincent Mario Oriatti Bruns 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-049
C/TSgt Animesh C Bijawat 14-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-042
C/TSgt Zechariah Sebastian Vasquez 14-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-263
C/TSgt Tyler Steven Pollack 21-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-282
C/TSgt Noah S Wilson 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-205
C/TSgt Samantha Charalambous 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-282
C/TSgt Joshua Michael Krueger 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-042
C/TSgt Nathan A Guyton 29-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-008
C/TSgt Harland Robert Goodnough 31-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-274
C/SSgt Nicolas Owen Coffee 7-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-004
C/SSgt Eric Gu 7-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-189
C/SSgt Jack C Melone 10-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-274
C/SSgt Spencer Babi Benson 10-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-274
C/SSgt Jonathan Lunsman 14-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-263
C/SSgt Tyler Sapiega 14-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-189
C/SSgt Julia Watson 24-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-205
C/SSgt Dylan Kaihao Xianto 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-075
C/SSgt Sara Christine Simpson 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-205
C/SrA Olivia L Templeton 5-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-284
C/SrA Joseph Robert Templeton 5-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-284
C/SrA Andrew Steven Flage 14-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-282
C/SrA Kaiden Andrew Cooper 20-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-327
C/SrA Noah Bradley Oldham 22-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-036
C/SrA Ethan Ryan Johnson 27-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-286
C/SrA Laura Jean Gusewelle 27-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-286
C/SrA Griffin Xander Kent Dyer 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-205
C/SrA Sora Tyler Hanaishi 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-075
C/SrA Zachary Hornbostel 29-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-205
C/SrA Mason Pritchard 29-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-205
C/A1C Alexis Marie Kerley 4-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-284
C/A1C Corbin John Coons 6-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-284
C/A1C Jack Patrick Bjorklund 14-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-042
C/A1C Landyn Fath 14-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-205
C/A1C Madelyn Klosa 15-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-090
C/A1C Fernando Emmanuel Lomas 15-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-036
C/A1C Annah Elizabeth Kessler 15-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-090
C/A1C Samuel Randall Sicinski 16-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-329
C/A1C Kaitlyn Grace Fields 21-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-282

Cadet Duty Assignments

New unit Cadet Commanders appear in **RED**

Date Member Level Assignment

10-Jan-2020 C/1stLt William Lowell Schuessler UNIT Cadet GCAC Representative
10-Jan-2020 C/2dLt Ryan Paul Prell UNIT Cadet WCAC Assistant
13-Jan-2020 C/2dLt William G Petry UNIT Cadet Deputy Commander
20-Jan-2020 C/CMSgt Samantha Kate Ohrwall UNIT Cadet First Sergeant
24-Jan-2020 C/MSgt Lilyanne Rachelle Malmgren UNIT Cadet Emergency Services NCO
28-Jan-2020 C/CMSgt Theodore O Zinox UNIT Cadet First Sergeant

Senior Member Awards



Name Date Award Unit

Capt D Wendal Walsh 4-Jan-2020 LOENING GLR-IL-286
SM John D Sicinski 10-Jan-2020 MEMBERSHIP GLR-IL-329
SM Badrinarayan K Belur 13-Jan-2020 MEMBERSHIP GLR-IL-327
SM Patrick Q Peterson 14-Jan-2020 MEMBERSHIP GLR-IL-049
SM Michael J Haney 15-Jan-2020 MEMBERSHIP GLR-IL-008
SM Joseph H DeWalt 20-Jan-2020 MEMBERSHIP GLR-IL-327
SM Michael I Goldman 21-Jan-2020 MEMBERSHIP GLR-IL-049
SM Ritu Gupta 29-Jan-2020 MEMBERSHIP GLR-IL-042
1st Lt Bruce R Estep 12-Jan-2020 YEAGER GLR-IL-205
2d Lt Mitchell G Herren 23-Jan-2020 YEAGER GLR-IL-036

Bars 2 Stars



(New Grade) Name Date Unit

Lt Col Lance D Clark 23-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-205
Maj Andrew G Loy 9-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-105
Maj George G Roy 15-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-317
1st Lt Emmitt Q Hoosman 19-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-329
2d Lt Ross C Peterson 2-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-240
2d Lt Christopher C Van Scoy 2-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-251
2d Lt Christopher N McDonald 2-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-240
2d Lt Ryan A Huck 11-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-049
2d Lt Filip E Ferguson 21-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-061
2d Lt Joseph J Bretz 23-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-312
2d Lt Sandip Shah 23-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-312
2d Lt Zachary A Leiwant 23-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-312
2d Lt Levi R Blount 27-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-042
2d Lt Zygmunt Jan Alt 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-075
2d Lt Laura J Ohrwall 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-327
2d Lt Tracy L Ondrus 28-Jan-2020 GLR-IL-075

Senior Duty Assignments

New unit commanders appear in **RED**

Date Member Level Assignment

7-Jan-2020 Capt Steven L Malmgren WING Assistant Director of Communications
7-Jan-2020 Maj Val M Mertens UNIT Finance Officer
7-Jan-2020 2d Lt Levi R Blount UNIT Assistant Professional Development Officer
10-Jan-2020 Capt David E Grossman UNIT Chaplain
11-Jan-2020 Capt Juliet E Richey UNIT Assistant Advisor to the Commander
11-Jan-2020 2d Lt Levi R Blount UNIT Advisor to the Commander
11-Jan-2020 2d Lt Levi R Blount UNIT Deputy Commander for Cadets
12-Jan-2020 Maj Michael F Thompson UNIT Activities Officer
12-Jan-2020 Maj Michael F Thompson UNIT Squadron Leadership Officer
12-Jan-2020 SMSgt Eric S Perham UNIT Assistant Fitness Officer

14-Jan-2020 Lt Col Steven C Goetz UNIT Assistant Professional Development Officer
 14-Jan-2020 1st Lt Julie F Moses UNIT Professional Development Officer
 16-Jan-2020 Maj Mary Jo O'Connor UNIT Aerospace Education Officer
 16-Jan-2020 Maj Mary Jo O'Connor UNIT Deputy Commander
 16-Jan-2020 Capt Jacob R Cobian UNIT Fitness Officer
 16-Jan-2020 1st Lt Kenneth Logan UNIT Assistant Emergency Services Officer
 16-Jan-2020 1st Lt Emmitt Q Hoosman UNIT Operations Officer
 16-Jan-2020 SM John D Sicinski UNIT Squadron Leadership Officer
 17-Jan-2020 1st Lt Brendan R Jensen UNIT Historian
 17-Jan-2020 Capt Michael M Siegel GROUP Assistant Communications Officer
 18-Jan-2020 Maj David E Gillingham UNIT Maintenance Officer
 18-Jan-2020 2d Lt Levi R Blount UNIT Finance Officer
 19-Jan-2020 2d Lt Levi R Blount UNIT Assistant Communications Officer
 20-Jan-2020 Capt Jacob R Cobian UNIT Assistant Deputy Commander for Cadets
 20-Jan-2020 Capt Jacob R Cobian UNIT Assistant Testing Officer
 21-Jan-2020 Maj Scott A Pitcock UNIT Assistant Safety Officer
 21-Jan-2020 2d Lt David N Abuaf UNIT Safety Officer
 21-Jan-2020 2d Lt Bruce P Preston GROUP Recruiting & Retention Officer
 21-Jan-2020 2d Lt Stanton J Taylor UNIT Assistant Logistics Officer
 21-Jan-2020 2d Lt Levi R Blount UNIT Assistant Testing Officer
 22-Jan-2020 Maj Joseph E Monaco UNIT Assistant Aerospace Education Officer
 22-Jan-2020 2d Lt Ronnie Yarbrough Jr UNIT Deputy Commander for Cadets
 23-Jan-2020 2d Lt Mary A Mechler UNIT Finance Officer
 25-Jan-2020 Lt Col Gerhard Gross Jr GROUP Assistant Emergency Services Officer
 25-Jan-2020 Capt Martin D Turek GROUP Assistant Emergency Services Officer
 25-Jan-2020 SM Jonathan R Heinkel UNIT Assistant Aerospace Education Officer
 25-Jan-2020 SM Michael I Goldman UNIT Assistant Emergency Services Officer
 26-Jan-2020 2d Lt Adam E Fitting UNIT Recruiting & Retention Officer
 26-Jan-2020 SM Wade A Thweatt UNIT Assistant Recruiting & Retention Officer
 27-Jan-2020 1st Lt Murrell L French Jr UNIT Commander
 27-Jan-2020 Maj Mary Jo O'Connor UNIT Deputy Commander for Cadets
 27-Jan-2020 SM John D Sicinski UNIT Assistant Deputy Commander for Cadets
 28-Jan-2020 Capt Benjamin E Manley UNIT Finance Officer
 28-Jan-2020 2d Lt Kevin R Wilbur UNIT Assistant Safety Officer
 29-Jan-2020 1st Lt Anthony J Canevello UNIT Drug Demand Reduction Officer
 29-Jan-2020 1st Lt Anthony J Canevello UNIT Squadron Leadership Officer
 29-Jan-2020 1st Lt Anthony J Canevello UNIT Assistant Testing Officer
 29-Jan-2020 1st Lt Dawn M Iselin WING Assistant Director of IT

Senior Specialty Ratings

Name Date Specialty Level

2d Lt Victor Susanto 3-Jan-2020 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER TECHNICIAN
 1st Lt Gwendolyn A Walsh 6-Jan-2020 LOGISTICS TECHNICIAN
 Lt Col Kirk R Thirtyacre 21-Jan-2020 COMMAND MASTER
 2d Lt Donald J Durbin 21-Jan-2020 CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT TECHNICIAN
 Lt Col Jeffrey Gulick 29-Jan-2020 CADET PROGRAMS TECHNICIAN



Service Awards

Name Length Unit

Capt Kenneth Rapier 40 GLR-IL-000
 Capt Gary P Aho 20 GLR-IL-008
 SM Nancy A Ramig 10 NHQ-NHQ-004
 Capt Pharoah M Halbert 10 GLR-IL-332
 C/2dLt Sam Arthur Sobczak 5 GLR-IL-049
 C/2dLt Sarah Grace Ohrwall 5 GLR-IL-327
 C/1stLt Reagan Matthew Sutter 5 GLR-IL-240
 C/Maj Alejandro Trevino 5 GLR-IL-067
 C/A1C Carter William Bauman 2 GLR-IL-274
 SM Theodore G Shaffer 2 NHQ-NHQ-004
 SM Michael D Miller 2 NHQ-NHQ-004
 C/SrA Jake Lloyd May 2 GLR-IL-284
 Capt Andre Kok 2 GLR-IL-205
 C/A1C Alexander Klusa 2 GLR-IL-189

Member Decorations

Award TM Name Date

**FYSA
Diversity and Inclusion**

Last year (2018) when I was Group 2 Aerospace Education Officer, I had a deadline coming up. Most of the squadron reports were in, however one was not. How to address this? I spoke with a good Air Force master Sergeant and said what do I do. He said you put FYSA which means For Your Situational Awareness. That way you are not telling them they have to or else, you are telling them that you want them to know of a situation they can resolve. It worked great and were the only group to get all the reports in on time.

Well, being the director of a long-term project, I can think of no better title for Diversity and Inclusion than, FYSA, because situational awareness is what is happening. Diversity and Inclusion will be something that my staff and I will address every month. So, under the heading on FYSA here is our committee:

Major Jaquelyn Rounds Director, 1/Lt. Joanne Weber Deputy Director, M/Sgt. Frank D'Angelo, Major Craig Knickerbocker, Captain W. Walsh, Captain Kevin Massey (Chaplin), Major L. Willis Chaplin, Rabbi Captain David Grossman Region Liaison Officer. I have asked Captain Rabbi Grossman to be our liaison to Region as he is the region Diversity and Inclusion Officer.

There is another military custom which is, "Always work your commander's commanders plan". Our National Director for inclusion and Diversity is Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth Sydow C.A.P. and her commander is Major General Mark E. Smith C.A.P. So, in order to be successful, we must coordinate our objectives with theirs. I have sent some ideas from our committee to Lt. Colonel Sydow, who will discuss it with the people at National and the new Marketing and Strategic Communications Officer and get back to me. My immediate goal is setting up a computer/Telephone system to have regular monthly meetings. All of this is FYSA.

FYSA It's my understanding that a new Aircraft Carrier is being built and will be christened the USS Doris Miller. **Doris Miller** better known as "**Dory**" was a mess attendant (food server) on the USS West Virginia, who happened to be African American. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, he came out, grabbed a machine gun, (for which he was never trained) and shot down 4 Japanese aircraft. He was awarded the Navy Cross. He is the first African American to have a ship named after them. He was killed in November 24, 1943 in the Gilbert Islands.

Major Jaquelyn Rounds
and Inclusion Officer

Illinois Wing Diversity

Registrations are streaming in and the Cadre and staff are beginning to finalize decisions and plans! Don't delay, register today to participate in this fun and challenging activity!

Note: Due to circumstances outside CAP's control, we will not have access to the Combat Pool this year. Curriculum staff is working with the Navy to find other activities to fill the time.

For widest dissemination:

What: Illinois Wing Spring Encampment 2020

When: 17-19 April and 24-26 April 2020

Where: Naval Station Great Lakes, Recruit Training Command

Registrations MUST be completed by: 19 March 2020

Registration for the 2020 Illinois Wing Spring Encampment is open and accepting on-line applications for Student Cadets!

Full instructions and details on how to register are available here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ilwg.cap.gov/spring-encampment/>

Check out what happens at this unique activity here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ilwg.cap.gov/spring-encampment/activities>

Financial Aid is available through the Cadet Encampment Assistance Program

(CEAP.): https://www.capmembers.com/cadet_programs/activities/ceap/

CEAP applications can be submitted starting on March 1st, but you don't need to wait until then to register.

SEE YOU THERE!

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Lt Col Bob Williams, CAP

Illinois Wing Spring Encampment Commander



In addition to cold stress, there are other winter weather related hazards that workers may be exposed to when performing tasks such as driving in the snow, removing snow from rooftops, and working near downed or damaged power lines.

Winter Driving

Although employers cannot control roadway conditions, they can promote safe driving behavior by ensuring workers: recognize the hazards of winter weather driving, for example, driving on snow/ice covered roads; are properly trained for driving in winter weather conditions; and are licensed (as applicable) for the vehicles they operate. For information about driving safely during the winter, visit OSHA's [Safe Winter Driving](#) page. Employers should set and enforce driver safety policies. Employers should also implement an effective maintenance program for all vehicles and mechanized equipment that workers are required to operate. Crashes can be avoided. Learn more at: [Motor Vehicle Safety](#) (OSHA Safety and Health Topic's Page). Employers should ensure properly trained workers' inspect the following vehicle systems to determine if they are working properly:



- **Brakes:** Brakes should provide even and balanced braking. Also check that brake fluid is at the proper level.
- **Cooling System:** Ensure a proper mixture of 50/50 antifreeze and water in the cooling system at the proper level.
- **Electrical System:** Check the ignition system and make sure that the battery is fully charged and that the connections are clean. Check that the alternator belt is in good condition with proper tension.
- **Engine:** Inspect all engine systems.
- **Exhaust System:** Check exhaust for leaks and that all clamps and hangers are snug.
- **Tires:** Check for proper tread depth and no signs of damage or uneven wear. Check for proper tire inflation.
- **Oil:** Check that oil is at proper level.
- **Visibility Systems:** Inspect all exterior lights, defrosters (windshield and rear window), and wipers. Install winter windshield wipers.

An emergency kit with the following items is recommended in vehicles:

- Cellphone or two-way radio
- Windshield ice scraper
- Snow brush
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Shovel
- Tow chain
- Traction aids (bag of sand or cat litter)
- Emergency flares
- Jumper cables
- Snacks
- Water
- Road maps
- Blankets, change of clothes

Work Zone Traffic Safety

Workers being struck by vehicles or mobile equipment lead to many work zone fatalities or injuries annually. Drivers may skid, or lose control of their vehicles more easily when driving on snow and/or ice covered roads. It is therefore, important to properly set up work zones with the traffic controls identified by signs, cones, barrels, and barriers, to protect workers. Workers exposed to vehicular traffic should wear the appropriate high visibility vest at all times, so that they can be visible to motorists ([OSHA Letter of Interpretation, dated, August 5, 2009](#)). Learn more at: [Work Zone Traffic Safety](#) (OSHA QuickCard™) and [Highway Work Zones and Signs, Signals, and Barricades](#) (OSHA Safety and Health Topics Page).

Stranded in a Vehicle

If you are stranded in a vehicle, stay in the vehicle. Call for emergency assistance if needed, response time may be slow in severe winter weather conditions. Notify your supervisor of your situation. Do not leave the vehicle to search for assistance unless help is visible within 100 yards. You may become disoriented and get lost in blowing and drifting snow. Display a trouble sign by hanging a brightly colored cloth on the vehicle's radio antenna and raising the hood. Turn on the vehicle's engine for about 10 minutes each hour and run the heat to keep warm. Also,

turn on the vehicle's dome light when the vehicle is running as an additional signal. Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning. Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow, and open a downwind window slightly for ventilation. Watch for signs of *frostbite* and *hypothermia*. Do minor exercises to maintain good blood circulation in your body. Clap hands and move arms and legs occasionally. Try not to stay in one position for too long. Stay awake, you will be less vulnerable to cold-related health problems. Use blankets, newspapers, maps, and even the removable car mats for added insulation. Avoid overexertion since cold weather puts an added strain on the heart. Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow or pushing a vehicle can bring on a heart attack or make other medical conditions worse.

Shoveling Snow

Shoveling snow can be a strenuous activity, particularly because cold weather can be taxing on the body. There is a potential for exhaustion, dehydration, back injuries, or heart attacks. During snow removal in addition to following the tips for avoiding cold stress, such as taking frequent breaks in warm areas, there are other precautions workers can take to avoid injuries. Workers should warm-up before the activity, scoop small amounts of snow at a time and where possible, push the snow instead of lifting it. The use of proper lifting technique is necessary to avoid back and other injuries when shoveling snow: keep the back straight, lift with the legs and do not turn or twist the body.

Using Powered Equipment like Snow Blowers

It is important to make sure that powered equipment, such as snow blowers are properly grounded to protect workers from electric shocks or electrocutions. When performing maintenance or cleaning, make sure the equipment is properly guarded and is disconnected from power sources.

Snow blowers commonly cause lacerations or amputations when operators attempt to clear jams with the equipment turned on. Never attempt to clear a jam by hand. First, turn the snow blower off and wait for all moving parts to stop, and then use a long stick to clear wet snow or debris from the machine. Keep your hands and feet away from moving parts. Refuel a snow blower prior to starting the machine; do not add fuel when the equipment is running or when the engine is hot.

Clearing Snow from Roofs and Working at Heights

Employers must evaluate snow removal tasks for hazards and plan how to do the work safely. Workers should be aware of the potential for unexpected hazards due to the weather conditions, for example, layers of ice can form as the environmental temperature drops, making surfaces even more slippery. A surface that is weighed down by snow must be inspected by a competent person to determine if it is structurally safe for workers to access it, because it may be at risk of collapsing. Snow covered rooftops can hide hazards such as skylights that workers can fall through. Electrical hazards may also exist from overhead power lines or snow removal equipment.

Employers can protect workers from these hazardous work conditions, for example, by using snow removal methods that do not involve workers going on roofs, when and where possible. Employers should determine the right type of equipment (ladders, aerial lifts, etc.) and personal protective equipment (personal fall arrest systems, non-slip safety boots, etc.) for the job and ensure that workers are trained on how to properly use them. For more information, see [OSHA's Hazard Alert: Falls and Other Hazards to Workers Removing Snow from Rooftops and Other Elevated Surfaces](#).

Preventing Slips on Snow and Ice

To prevent slips, trips, and falls, employers should clear walking surfaces of snow and ice, and spread deicer, as quickly as possible after a winter storm. In addition, the following precautions will help reduce the likelihood of injuries:

- Wear proper footwear when walking on snow or ice is unavoidable, because it is especially treacherous. A pair of insulated and water resistant boots with good rubber treads is a must for walking during or after a winter storm. Keeping a pair of rubber over-shoes with good treads which fit over your street shoes is a good idea during the winter months.
- Take short steps and walk at a slower pace so you can react quickly to a change in traction, when walking on an icy or snow-covered walkway.

Repairing Downed or Damaged Power Lines

Repairing and/or replacing damaged power lines in severe winter weather conditions are especially hazardous. A major hazard is snow, because the moisture can reduce the insulation value of protective equipment, and could cause electrocution. In these conditions de-energized work is safer, but if energized work must be done, qualified workers and supervisors must first do a hazard analysis that includes evaluating the weather conditions and identifying how to safely do the job.

Other potential hazards include:

- Electrocution by contacting downed energized power lines, or contacting objects, such as broken tree limbs, in contact with downed energized power lines.
- Fires caused by an energized line or equipment failure.
- Being struck or crushed by falling tree limbs, collapsing poles, etc.

When working on downed or damaged power lines, electrical utility workers should use safe work practices, appropriate tools and equipment (including personal protective equipment (PPE)). Extra caution should be exercised when working in adverse weather conditions. Learn more at: [Contact with Power Lines](#) (OSHA Construction eTool).

Working Near Downed or Damaged power lines

Assume all power lines are energized and stay clear of any downed or damaged power lines. Establish a safe distance from power lines and report any incidents to the responsible authority. Only properly-trained electrical utility workers can handle damaged power lines. Learn more at: [Contact with Power Lines](#) (OSHA Construction eTool) and [Working Safely Around Downed Electrical Wires](#) (OSHA Fact Sheet).

Removing Downed Trees

Clearing downed trees is a critical job during severe winter weather conditions. It is usually urgent to remove downed trees that block public roads and damage power lines. Emergency crews are often tasked with clearing downed trees.

Potential hazards include:

- Electrocution by contacting downed energized power lines or contacting broken tree limbs in contact with

downed energized power lines. Learn more at: [Line Clearance Tree Trimming Operations](#) (OSHA Electric Power eTool).

- Falls from heights.
- Being injured by equipment such as chain saws ([Chain Saw Safety](#) (OSHA QuickCard™)) and chippers ([Chipper Machine Safety](#) (OSHA QuickCard™)).

Workers should wear PPE that protect them from the hazards of the tree removal tasks. Workers using chainsaws and chippers to clear downed trees should use: gloves, chaps, foot protection, eye protection, fall protection, hearing protection and head protection.

Only powered equipment designed for outdoor and wet conditions should be used. Use all equipment and tools (saws, chippers, etc.) properly and for the purpose that they are designed for. Ensure that equipment is always maintained in serviceable condition and inspected before use by a knowledgeable person that can identify any problems with the equipment. Do not use equipment that is not functioning properly. Equipment must have proper guarding (as applicable); safe guards must never be bypassed. All controls and safety features must function as designed by the manufacturer. Learn more at: [Tree Trimming and Removal](#) (OSHA QuickCard™).

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Illinois Wing hosted a seminar for members interested in becoming Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) Form 91U Mission Pilots and pioneering the future of Search & Rescue. It was a great success with 7 seniors and 1 cadet attending... all who are

now ready to take their 5U & 91U checkrides very soon. Special congratulations to 2d Lt Daniel Niemeyer who successfully completed his CAP Form 5U CAP sUAS Pilot "checkride"... bringing ILWG's total qualified sUAS pilots count to 4 (we need just one more to make us 100% operational).



Are you interested in getting involved with our drone program too? There's still time to register for our next Form 5U & 91U Seminars in Herrin, IL

at: <https://forms.gle/83FtNaFWiHL9xPeG6>



Here are the dates for the next two downstate seminars:

MAR 21 - Southern Illinois (Herrin, IL) - CAP sUAS Form 5U Pilot Seminar

APR 18-19 - Southern Illinois (Herrin, IL) - CAP sUAS Form 91 Mission Pilot Seminar





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This could be the new newsletter format. Please let me know what you think. I know its a bit rough this time. Between now and the next newsletter it will look better. We may not use this platform. Time will tell.