



ILLINOIS WINGMAN

Information from Illinois Wing members, for Illinois Wing members

Illinois Wing Goes to Washington

Members of Illinois Wing head east to Washington, D.C. for National Legislative Day. 2d Lt Brad Usyak, C/2d Lt Katiemarie Anderson, C/Capt Zoe Suwanski, C/CMSgt Colton Crouthamel, C/Maj Animesh Bijawat, Maj Michael Vannier, & Col Bob Dempsey are a few members who represented Illinois Wing when they visited their legislators' offices March 2.



Scott Air Force Base to host Airshow & STEM Expo, May

The Navy Blue Angels, C-17 West Coast Demo Team, and F-22 Demo Team & Heritage Flight are listed as just a few of the demonstration teams performing at the Scott

Air Force Base Airshow and STEM Expo, set for May 13-14.

The event is free and open to the public. Parking passes will be required to park on the base. Parking pass reservations will open on April 1.

More details are available at <https://www.scott.af.mil/Airshow/>.

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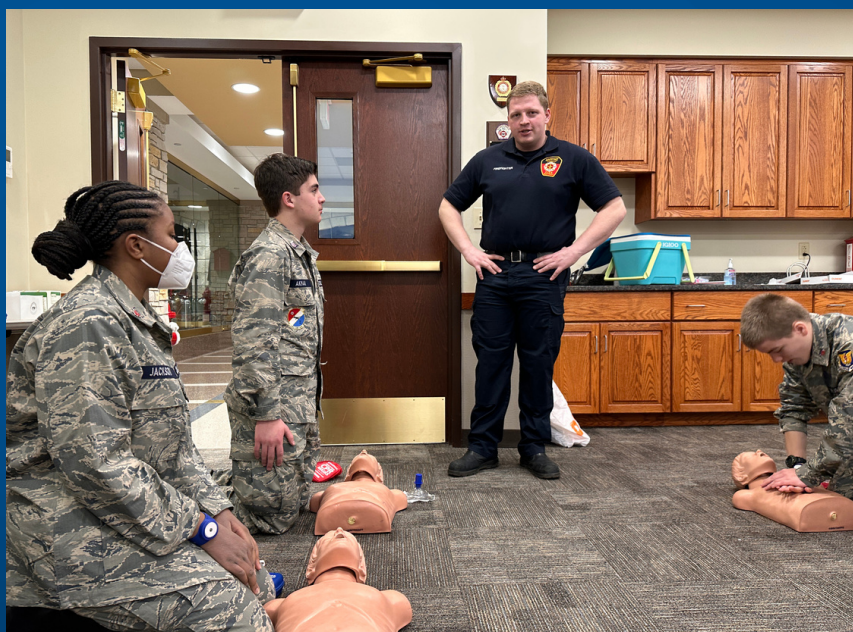


Lewis Composite Squadron Members Receive CPR/AED and First Aid Training

Members of IL-329 Lewis Composite Squadron participated in the Heartsaver CPR/AED and First Aid training being held on February 25, 2023 at Station #6 of the Lockport Township Fire Protection District, with a second session scheduled for March 4th. In total, 23 senior members and cadets of the squadron are expected to receive their certification, valid for two years. The training was led by LTFPD Firefighters Ashley Davis and Wade Libner, and provided hands-on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction at the infant, child and adult levels, as well as training on the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs). Participants also received instruction on the use of tourniquets to stop bleeding, immobilizing broken limbs, and other health issues requiring first aid.

Lewis Composite Squadron has discussed with its members the importance of this type of training, especially considering the emergency services provided by Civil Air Patrol. Firefighters Davis and Libner were extremely informative and engaging in their instruction. This was a great opportunity for IL-329 members to receive training that could potentially benefit all those with whom they come into contact.

If you have any questions regarding the training received by IL-329, please contact squadron commander Maj Maria Prekop via email at mprekop@ilwg.cap.gov.

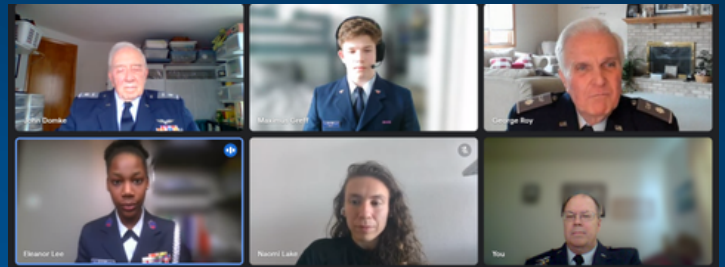
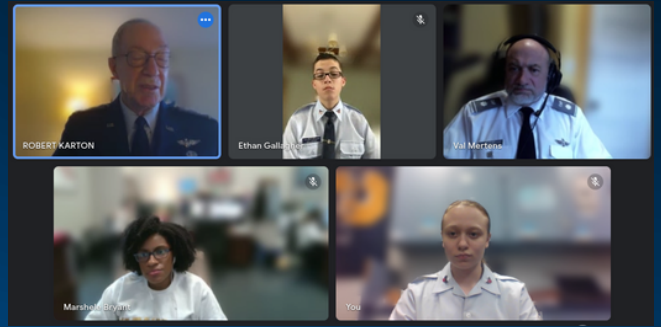


Illinois Wing goes to Washington for National Legislative Day in-person and virtually

Civil Air patrol members from throughout Illinois Wing visited their legislators' offices at the US capital March 2 and virtually from their homes February 13 - March 17 for National Legislative Day to tell their CAP story.

Cadets were invited late last year to apply to attend Legislative Day in-person in Washington, D.C. Of those who applied, cadet participants were selected by a panel of senior ranking senior members led by Lt Col John Fletcher. Colonel Fletcher said "They were all very sharp cadets." Cadets and senior members also volunteered to represent the wing to legislators and staff members through virtual meetings.

In preparation for the 2024 National Legislative Day, Colonel Fletcher expects to soliciate applications in September 2023.



CAP Photos by Lt Col John Fletcher, Lt Col Paul Hertel, 2d Lt Bradley Usyak

From the Command NCO



The ILWG NCO Corps is full of outstanding professional volunteers who demonstrate leadership at every turn. SMSgt Kristopher Matthews, SMSgt Steven Weber, and MSgt Shane Guernsey are serving as judges for the ILWG Cadet Competition at Camp Lincoln ARNGB. These fine NCOs will be filling three of the five judging positions with emphasis in the areas of Color Guard demonstration, uniforms, drill and ceremony.

MSgt Melvyn Marcus spearheaded an effort to increase the communication infrastructure architecture of the ILWG HQ with the endorsement of the commander Colonel Loy. He was part of a team who is putting in two new VHF and one HF radio systems with antennas to enhance functionality with Great Lake Region Command and Control assets.

The NCO Corps is growing with the addition of two new NCOs in the IL-061 Shawnee Composite Squadron. MSgt Mark Busse and SSgt Thomas Kalvaitis have join the ranks. The Corps appreciates these two gentlemen for their choice to serve in the CAP as NCOs

The next NCO Corps meeting is set for April and it occurs before the wing staff meeting. MSgt Guernsey will be sending out the invitation. The NCO meeting will be held quarterly.



Radio equipment set up at Wing Headquarters. CAP Photos by MSgt Melvyn Marcus

Registration is now open for the 2023 DINFOS Social Media Forum!

Registration is not required to view this event virtually

Join in August 23-24, 2023, as the Defense Information School (DINFOS) brings together communication strategists from the DoD, academia, and industry to share ideas, best practices, insights, and strategies for how to advance their units, commands, and leaders in an age of unprecedented human-connectivity in the digital space.

Watch here for up-dates

<https://www.dinfos.dma.mil/About/2023-Social-Media-Forum/>

Join hundreds of military and government public affairs practitioners and communication strategists as we dive into the military ethical use of social media; the PAVILION online resource; social media strategy and development; important trends in the digital environment; and other relevant topics that shape the communication efforts of the military and government in the digital space.

The 2023 DINFOS Social Media Forum is scheduled August 23-24, 2023 at the John C. Taylor Conference Center on the U.S. Naval Academy campus. The event will be offered in-person and streamed online via the DINFOS website.

Registration is not required to view this event virtually.

In-person attendees will get the opportunity to participate in discussions, network, and interact with the subject matter experts and other attendees.

All funding to attend the social media forum will be the responsibility of the attendee's home unit. Lodging recommendations and further information will be provided in future correspondence.

Registration will remain open until August 1, 2023, or until the venue space is filled. For further questions or assistance, please contact us at socialmedia@dinfos.edu.

I have attended this event virtually for the three years it has been going. Go here to see the past <https://www.youtube.com/@DINFOSofficial>



From Communications

Communications information in eServices

For those of you who are accustomed to using the national Communications website, it has been retired and some, but not all, of the information that was there has been moved to the Operations Library. This can be found in the eServices menu under Operations.

One of the specific things that is not included in the Operations Library is the list of equipment that is approved for CAP use. If you are considering purchasing your own communications equipment, please feel free to contact me directly and I can help you make sure you don't buy something that you won't be able to use.

Somewhat related, a reminder to all unit commanders: If you have a need for any communications equipment, please let me know as we do have some items available. Similarly, if you have equipment you are not using, please contact me so we can transfer it to other units who can use it.

Point of Contact:

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Champaign County SAR

CAP Invited to Train with Champaign County Search & Rescue

In-person and virtual training available to CAP members.

Contact Ellen Kuchenbrod for more information at ellenk04@gmail.com



2023 Calendar CCSAR
2/15/2023

Monthly Meeting

January 17	Tu	SAR Gear and Clothing
January 21	Sa	Winter Practice Search
February 21	Tu	Compasses/Map Exercises
February 25	Sa	Search Management tabletop exercise
March 21	Tu	Flanker & Team Leader Training
April 1	Sa	Flanker training
April 15	Sa	SARGOT - Search & Rescue Ground Operations Training
April 18	Tu	Damage Assessment/Warm Weather Hazards
May 16	Tu	Basic First Aid & Hands Only CPR
May 27	Sa	Land Navigation
June 20	Tu	Urban Search Techniques
June 24	Sa	Practice search
July 15	Sa	GPS/Radio Exercise Trail Search
July 18	Tu	SARTopo & Related SAR Software
August 15	Tu	Corn Field Search Techniques
August 19	Sa	Corn field practice search
September 16	Sa	Practice Search
September 19	Tu	Crime Scene Preservation
October 17	Tu	Night search
October 28	Sa	SARGOT
November 14	Tu	Observation Skills
December 12	Tu	End of Year Extravaganza

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From Wing Director of IT, Maj Ed Danely
To all commanders

At least once a month, I update all email lists to add or remove new members, around the 5th of the month. I also update the list of new members to allow them to create an @ilwg email account. If you have some members join mid-month, let me know and I can update the list on demand. It usually takes me about 15 minutes.

Each month I also attempt to purge email addresses for those who are no longer CAP members but I will never do this without the commanders permission. Unit commanders, please watch your emails from me. Group commanders, remind your unit commanders to check emails. Most commanders are very prompt but some may need to be prompted.



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preferably by the end
of the month, for
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Office Hours



Public Affairs Office Hours

2nd Thursday
of each month
1900-2000 hours

Email pa@ilwg.cap.gov
for link to Google meet

Unit PAOs and all interested
are welcome



Information Technology Office Hours

3rd Wednesday
of each month
1915-2000 hours

Google meet