



THE ILLINOIS WING RECAP!



Where Imagination Takes Flight

Nov 2019



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

ALERT... ALERT... ALERT...

Congratulations IL Wing on a successful Alert Exercise on 6 – 7 Dec 2019. Our wing responded well to the recent alert exercise.

We have received some reports that IL Wing members were somewhat confused where to report when the alert was activated. If you were unsure discuss this with your chain of command so you know what to do when the next Alert Exercise is issued. We practice this procedure so that when the need arises in an actual emergency, we will be able to respond quickly.

Of The Year Awards.....

Is there someone in your unit that does an outstanding job in their role for your squadron and the Illinois Wing? Would it be worth taking the time to recognize them by nominating them for an IL Wing of The Year Award? If you think you know someone like this, please take the time to nominate them.

It is easy to do

Any Member in IL Wing can nominate any IL Wing Member

Nominations are to be submitted on and CAPF 120 EZ

If you need assistance, ask someone in your chain of command

Read the newsletter for more information and the CAPF 120 EZ.

THE DEADLINE IS 30 DEC 2019

So, don't wait do it today!

Illinois Wing Safety Pledge

I pledge to promote a safe environment surrounding me at all times and to protect all Civil Air Patrol assets. I will perform in a professional and safe manner at all times and will hold myself accountable for my actions in all of our Missions for America.

***Integrity / Volunteer Service /
Excellence / Respect***

The Illinois Wing Staff wishes all IL Wing members and their families



Stay Safe in all you do.

Together we ALL Succeed



Teamwork makes the dream work.



Cadet Programs

NATIONAL CADET SPECIAL ACTIVITIES 2020



Cadet Special Activities Ribbon

**Cadets! The application window for NCSA's is
now OPEN!**

**Go to the NCSA Page on the CAP web site and see what is available and if
you are interested apply for the activity you want to attend!**

Johnson Flight Academy SCHOLARSHIPS

**As in recent years the IL Wing will be offering a limited number of \$500
scholarships to select IL Wing cadets. Application details will follow short-
ly, but to receive one of the scholarships you must apply and be accepted to
the activity.**

A lot of these activities need adult members on staff. APPLY!!



Chaplain

Christmas

As we struggle to put Thanksgiving, and our thanks for the many positive things that have occurred in our lives in the rearview mirror, for many there are still problems. There are those who see life as a bitter sweet, because of what they have lost due to death, illness or natural calamities. Even in the midst of these things we must find ways to be resilient and realize that life is full of mountains and valleys.

As we look forward to the next holiday, I hope that the joy and fulfillment that was not received during the last holiday, that this one may bring you joy and peace of mind that exceeds all human understanding. I realize, that many people do not celebrate Christmas, but whatever you choose I pray that you may find some form of enlightenment in your thought pattern. At times, I am mesmerized by what we are thankful for, when those thoughts don't coincide with what it means to service humanity.

During the coming holiday it would be great if we could focus on the real need of someone else rather than gleaning more toys for ourselves, when we don't use the ones that we have. When I think of being thankful, is that thought a reflection of our purpose as a human?

For many this coming holiday (Christmas) will be about politics, food, visiting, giving and receiving. Yet, for many the real meaning of Christmas will be like a flash in the night or a rain drop in the midst of rain. I hope as we confront Christmas, that we will remember, for many, this day will be about not having the basic things of life, but they will struggle with a smile on their face to secure and hold on to their purpose in life. These people will persevere, because they realize that Christmas is for today, but their call is forever. Once we are able to deal with our call or purpose, it is then that we are really able to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Being one of twenty-two children I have learned that Christmas is about sharing what you have without expecting to receiving something in return. We were very fortunate as children. We were blessed to have, and I remember my father telling me "Son when you give don't expect to receive anything in return, because when you give, give to someone that is in need". During the Holiday I hope that we all will be able to give to someone that is in need, and not because they are our friends. I believe that a true friend will understand that it is better to give to someone in need than to them that have. Are you one of those friends that have and is waiting to receive, when there are thousands that are in the need? I pray that you have a blessed and Merry Christmas, because the Savior was born to service humanity, and you are a person working in His or God's image.

Respectfully

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Wing Chaplain, Illinois

Resilience or re-sil-i-en-cy [ri-zil-yuh ns, -zil-ee-uh ns or ri-zil-yuh n-see, -zil-ee-uh n-see]

noun

the power or ability to return to the original form, position, etc., after being bent, compressed, or stretched; elasticity.

ability to recover readily from illness, depression, adversity, or the like; buoyancy.

If you are struggling with something, find someone to talk to. You are not alone.

Ready to be a Glider Pilot?



[Park Forest South Aviation Group](#) is a glider club located at Bult Field. Its members serve as crew for all our Cadet Glider Orientation Flights, and are a great source of information regarding soaring and sailplanes. In consideration of our close relationship, the club will offer a discounted membership fee of \$50 for CAP Senior Members. Members must also join the Soaring Society of America, additional cost of \$75. Cadet memberships in PFSAG are even lower cost - contact the club for details - PFSAGclub@gmail.com

This flying season PFSAG will offer training flights on the last Sunday of each month. Training flights are also available on some Saturdays after cadet orientation flights, and on dedicated training days. The club typically flies every Friday (club flights) and Saturday (O Flights).



C/1st Lt Alexis Vasiliadis

"I've done two glider flights, and they're are always a pleasure. Being in the front seat of the aircraft and having the freedom of the full "bubble"

cockpit has given me a true sense of what flying really is, and the science behind it is incredibly interesting. I'll definitely be doing more glider flights in the future and I'd encourage every eligible cadet to try it as well!"



C/2d Lt Zachary Tran, Every time I have gone on a glider flight, it has been an absolutely amazing time. The cadets and seniors I worked with were professional and polite and there's something freeing about being in an unpowered Aircraft. I would personally encourage everyone to do it, especially if you are not totally comfortable with flying yet. It will help you get out of your comfort zone. Flying Gliders is so much fun, take every chance you can get to do it.



It's Glider Season!

Cadets interested in piloting a glider should discuss the opportunity with there Unit Command to schedule their glider orientation flights.

Visit <http://ilwg.cap.gov/glider-orientation-flights/> to learn more. Please make note of the testing requirements prior to signing up to participate.



Safety Always

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY



The image you see above is not what we picture for our holiday season. Christmas trees were involved in approximately 300 fires annually from 2000 to 2004, according to the National Fire Protection Association. These fires resulted in average of 14 deaths, 21 injuries, and \$16.8 million in property damage per year. Here are some tips for Christmas tree safety.

Purchasing the Tree

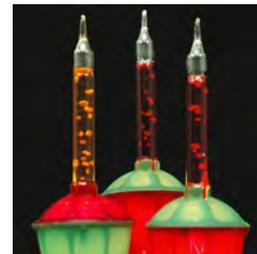
- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label “Fire-Retardant.” (Although this label does not mean the tree won’t catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.): When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness • A fresh tree is green. • Needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. • The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin. • When tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles. A shower of falling needles indicates that the tree is too dry. • Watch out for trees with a greenish cast to their trunks and branches; many growers spray trees with green paint to make them look more appealing.

Setting Up the Tree

- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces, radiators, portable heaters, heater vents, and TV sets. • Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. • Keep the stand filled with water, because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly. A tree will absorb as much as a gallon of water or more in the first 24 hours and one or more quarts a day thereafter. • Make another fresh cut in the tree stump if a seal forms at the base. A seal of dried sap will form over the cut stump in four to six hours if water drops below the base of the tree, preventing the tree from absorbing water later when the tree stand is refilled. • To maximize freshness and minimize fire risk, keep the tree outdoors for a few days in a bucket filled with water before bringing it indoors to decorate. • If the tree seems wobbly, center it in the stand more securely and reposition the bolts or screws. If the stand is too small, buy a larger, stronger stand. The tree stand should hold at least one gallon of water. • Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. • Use thin guy wires to secure tall trees to walls or ceiling; the wires will be almost invisible

Decorating the Tree: Lights

- Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the label from an independent testing laboratory.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.
- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Use only one extension cord per outlet.
- Be careful where you place electrical cords. Don't run electrical cords under rugs; walking traffic can weaken the insulation and the wires can overheat, increasing the chances for fire or electric shock. Be careful when placing cords behind or beneath furniture; pinched cords can fray and short. Keep animals away from cords to avoid entanglement and chewing.
- Keep cords and lights away from a tree's water supply.
- Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.
- Position bulbs so that they aren't in direct contact with needles or ornaments.
- Use colored spotlights above or beside a tree, never fastened onto it! An artificial tree with high metallic content can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and any person touching a branch could be electrocuted!
- Keep "bubbling" lights away from children. These lights with their bright colors and bubbling movement can tempt curious children to break candle-shaped glass, which can cut, and to attempt to drink liquid, which contains a hazardous chemical.



Decorating the Tree: Trimmings

- Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials.
- Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or unleaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.
- Avoid the use of spun glass "angel hair" to avoid irritation to eyes and skin.
- Follow container directions carefully to avoid lung irritation while decorating with artificial snow sprays. Use spray snow that is labeled nontoxic.
- Use a step stool or stepladder when decorating the higher limbs, and make sure it is in good condition. Many home accidents occur when people fall off whatever they are standing on.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree (even an artificial tree) or near other evergreens. In houses with small children, take special care to:
- Avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable.
- Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children. Pieces could be swallowed or inhaled.
- Avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food. A child could eat them!

Gifts Under the Tree

- Never place paper-wrapped or paper-bagged gifts near open flames or electrical connections.
- Remove all wrapping papers, boxes, and other trash from tree and fireplace areas immediately after presents are opened.
- Do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely. Gift wrapping burns very hot, causing large flames, which can ignite creosote deposits in the chimney and cause a fire in the chimney.



After the Holidays

Taking down the Christmas tree isn't nearly as much fun as putting it up. But the longer a tree stays up, the greater a fire hazard it becomes. It's best to discard trees within one month after purchase.

- When Christmas is over or the tree begins to drop needles, dispose of it.
- Do not leave it in the house or store it in the garage.
- To dispose of your tree take it to a tree recycling center or have it hauled away by a community pick-up service. If you live in the country or town where there is no tree recycling or pick-up program, contact local authorities for a recommended means of disposal.
- Never burn Christmas trees (branches or needles) in a fireplace or wood stove. Firs and pines have lots of sap, which can explode. The needles burn like tinder, quickly and fiercely. Flames can flare up out of control and send sparks flying across a room. They can also ignite creosote deposits in the chimney and cause a fire in the chimney.

Information in this publication is courtesy of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Naval Safety Center, the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office, and the National Fire Protection Association.



[Here is a link to a video showing a Christmas Tree fire.](#)



Operations

This year the Wing SAREX will be a large multi State exercise. This event is being run by Great Lakes Region and will involve numerous Wings within the region. It will also be a two week exercise beginning on March 1st. We will not deploy for two weeks but rather will be tasked with executing sorties, both air and ground during this time frame.

A sneak peak at what we can expect has revealed tasking all over the state so every unit should be prepared to participate. This is the first time we will truly be using an Area Command structure.

I look forward to seeing IL Wing performing in its usual excellent manner, More information will come out as we get closer to the event.

Aircrew Corner

A needle in a haystack: an ELT at ORD

Lt Col Sydney Schneidman, MD, CAP

Illinois Wing Mission Pilot

It was a warm and sunny day at the Waukegan Airshow (UGN). There were around fifty cadets and seniors, along with other cadets from different groups helping out with various tasks. I was treating lots of bee stings and a few cadets with wobbly knees, when towards the end of the airshow, we got word that we had been tasked with an actual mission – an active Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) somewhere near O’Hare airport (ORD). I had brought one of our aircraft, a Cessna 182T, up from Chicago Executive airport for static display at the airshow, so we had an aircraft, a Mission Pilot and Incident Commander at the airport. After looking around for an Observer to help me prosecute the ELT, I found Lt Matt Thompson who had his UDF equipment in his car. Sitting down with the IC team to brief the mission, we looked at the available data. The ELT hits seemed to be coming from an area around ORD. After briefing the weather and a coms plan, it was so close to the end of the airshow, we elected to wait the few minutes rather than disrupt things.



We launched into good VFR weather, and decided to head towards Chicago Executive (PWK) first to be sure the signal, which we heard on the Becker (automatic direction-finding radio) almost right away, wasn’t coming from PWK. As we circled PWK at 2000 feet, the Becker never wavered in pointing towards ORD. I spoke to Chicago Approach Control again, and told them the situation, and informed them that it appeared the ELT was coming from ORD and that we would need to land there to try and find the aircraft and shut it off. As they vectored us out over Lake Michigan to get in sequence for the visual approach into O’Hare 27R, I wondered how smoothly we would fit into their flow. They eventually turned us onto final, and we heard the proverbial “keep your speed up” admonition. All seemed to be going well on final approach until we touched down and I heard a frustrated United 1234 call “going around, aircraft on the runway”. We were doing the best we could, but we had to slow down sometime to exit the runway.

After we left the runway and contacted Ground Control, the real hunt began. The Becker was still active and pointing left, so I began taxiing towards the signal. I was following my nose through the maze of taxiways, but Ground was being very helpful in keeping an eye on me and keeping me out of trouble. Finally, it appeared we were headed to the United Airlines maintenance facility. We were abruptly told to stop and shut down, to wait for an escort onto the UA property. When they finally arrived, and I explained and demonstrated the active signal, UA maintenance supervisors and the police, allowed us to proceed. There must have been 14 planes on their ramp, but the signal seemed strongest coming from a line of about 8 regional jets at the edge of the ramp. We went over and shut down thinking it was time to get on foot to determine which aircraft was the mostly likely offender. With the maintenance staff helping us, we pulled apart four or five likely suspects without extinguishing the signal. We had two different radios, UDF gear, and still could not pinpoint the aircraft successfully. Finally, one of their avionics techs came to help, and we still could not establish the source, felt to be because of the spurious signals being generated by all the steel rebar in the concrete beneath our feet.

After two hours of fruitless searching we contacted our IC to relay our difficulties. Because it was getting dark, as well as approaching the end of a long duty day, we decided to terminate the search for the evening and send another team out in the morning to continue trying to find the elusive ELT which was still broadcasting.

Getting back into our aircraft, finally getting a VFR clearance to depart, Ground Control began to direct us to 9R for departure. Looking at the sea of blue taxi lights in front of me, I had never been so thankful for a geo-referenced taxi diagram to follow. After waiting for a gap in the departing traffic, we turned onto the active and departed, mindful of wake turbulence. We returned to base without incident.

So what happened to the ELT signal? It turns out they sent a suspect aircraft to Boston early the next morning, removing the signal from our area, but either the batteries died, or the Massachusetts Wing found it and turned it off, because we never heard anything more about it. For me, having the experience of landing at O'Hare, and negotiating a night departure was enough adventure for one day. One more day in the life of a Civil Air Patrol pilot!





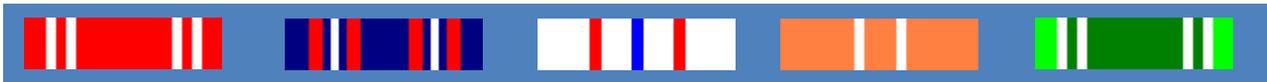
Personnel Announcements

New Members

Name	Join Date	Unit	Name	Join Date	Unit
SM Christina M Beams	4-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-036	SM Zoe B Troxell	11-Nov-2019	NHQ-NHQ-004
CADET Samuel Norberto Cooper	5-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-067	SM Renata S King	13-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-061
CADET Ethan Conner Henson	5-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-286	SM Yolanda M Wood	14-Nov-2019	NHQ-NHQ-004
C/Amn Carter Patrick Powers	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-049	C/Amn Brandon W. Legereit 2	0-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
SM Jonathan R Heinkel	4-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-049	CADET Scarlett Victoria Smolenski	25-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-274
SM Mallory Kunz	4-Nov-2019	NHQ-NHQ-004	SM Kevin D Kendall	20-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-274
CADET Luke Steven McKinsey	5-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-036	SM Amol V Bargaje	22-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-067
SM Talon E Nunley	5-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-061	CADET Isaac Christopher Elliott	25-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-061
SM Badrinarayan K Belur	6-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-327	CADET Daniel Jaden Elliott	25-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-061
CADET Mareece McLeod IV	7-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-332	CADET Daniel Roland Rolle	25-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-061
SM Tarah A Holmgren	7-Nov-2019	NHQ-NHQ-004	CADET Michael Aaron Delgado	28-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-189
CADET Brenna Elise Crouch	7-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-004	CADET Conner S Grumbles	28-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-189
SM James J Clay	11-Nov-2019	NHQ-NHQ-004			



Name	Length	Unit	Name	Length	Unit
Lt Col John C Domke	45	GLR-IL-042	C/Amn Tyler J Esposito	2	GLR-IL-274
Lt Col Raymond E Walden III	30	GLR-IL-001	C/Amn Evan Michael O'Leary	2	GLR-IL-274
Capt Gary A Brown	10	GLR-IL-274	SM Linda Marie Baker	2	GLR-IL-036
Maj Ryan A Stalets	10	GLR-IL-240	C/MSgt Benjamin Neal Folgers	2	GLR-IL-334
C/2dLt Maximillian A Vargas	5	GLR-IL-284	SM Linda L Emshousen	2	NHQ-NHQ-004
1st Lt Robert D Moses	5	GLR-IL-061	SM Cathy Love	2	NHQ-NHQ-004
SM Cindy L Birkner	5	NHQ-NHQ-004	SM Thomas C Petrik	2	NHQ-NHQ-004
2d Lt James Williams	5	GLR-IL-274	C/CMSgt William G Petry	2	GLR-IL-327
SM Vanessa A Brookens-Williams	5	GLR-IL-274	SSgt John S Dickerson	2	GLR-IL-334
SM Cynthia G Doil	5	NHQ-NHQ-004	C/TSgt Faith Loyd	2	GLR-IL-061
SM Benjamin Thomas Moses	2	GLR-IL-061	SM Jennifer W Regan	2	NHQ-NHQ-004
C/SrA Nathan Andrew Smith	2	GLR-IL-286	SM Tammy J Jacquin	2	GLR-IL-240
SM Justin L Hunt	2	NHQ-NHQ-004	C/Amn Brent Lars Meilman	2	GLR-IL-049
SM Michael G Fogie	2	GLR-IL-189	C/SSgt Wesley Andrew Kutok	2	GLR-IL-282
C/SSgt Arjon Christian Odom	2	GLR-IL-317	C/SSgt Garrett Rudolph Snell	2	GLR-IL-049
SM Donald K Karper	2	GLR-IL-271	Capt Scott K Meers	2	GLR-IL-075



Name	Date	Award	Unit
C/LtCol Travis Paul McHone	12-Nov-2019	EAKER	GLR-IL-282
C/LtCol Eric R Estep	26-Nov-2019	EAKER	GLR-IL-205
C/2dLt Abigail Lee Turek	19-Nov-2019	MITCHELL	GLR-IL-189
C/2dLt James M Buck	26-Nov-2019	MITCHELL	GLR-IL-240
C/SSgt Nathan A Guyton	6-Nov-2019	WRIGHT BROTHERS	GLR-IL-008
C/SSgt Samantha Charalambous	26-Nov-2019	WRIGHT BROTHERS	GLR-IL-282
C/SSgt Tyler Steven Pollack	26-Nov-2019	WRIGHT BROTHERS	GLR-IL-282

Cadet Promotions

(New Grade) Name	Date	Unit	(New Grade) Name	Date	Unit
C/LtCol Travis Paul McHone	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-282	C/A1C Conor Ryan McTague	5-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-282
C/LtCol Eric R Estep	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205	C/A1C Cooper Irvin	8-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-329
C/2dLt Abigail Lee Turek	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-189	C/A1C Alexander Klusa	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-189
C/2dLt James M Buck	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-240	C/A1C Deanna Lezah M Eslit	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-189
C/CMSgt Albert Adam Piluk	5-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-049	C/A1C Collier Shane Hahn	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-061
C/CMSgt Zoe Marie Suwanski	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-282	C/A1C Zachary Hornbostel	20-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/CMSgt Theodore O Zinox	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-042	C/A1C Sean Edwards	20-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/CMSgt Maximillian T Perham	25-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-286	C/A1C Mason Pritchard	20-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/CMSgt Nina A Matusiak	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-075	C/A1C Rylan Delay	20-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/SMSgt Bradley Matthew Kidd	3-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-317	C/A1C Nickelajah W. Duffin	20-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/SMSgt Annika Emily Prochaska	5-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-189	C/A1C Camryn R. Crowell	20-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/SMSgt Mandy Bu	13-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-090	C/A1C Laura Jean Gusewelle	25-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-286
C/SMSgt Natalie Corrine Barker	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-240	C/A1C James Atonio Vasquez	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-263
C/MSgt Mia Clark	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205	C/A1C Bethany Eve Warren	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-251
C/MSgt David Riley Brown	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205	C/A1C Lucca Johnsinger Sweetser	27-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-334
C/MSgt Benjamin Neal Folgers	25-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-334	C/Amn Colin Dibley	5-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/MSgt Amanda Gusewelle	25-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-286	C/Amn Connor Allen Duff	5-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-061
C/MSgt Charles D Berkebile	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-263	C/Amn Austin J Begyn	6-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-008
C/MSgt David Andy Ciszewski	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-075	C/Amn Emma L Pomeroy	6-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-036
C/MSgt Trace C Mitchell	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-240	C/Amn Jordan S Young	6-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/TSgt Megan Renee Dickerson	3-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-282	C/Amn Landyn Fath	6-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/TSgt Jonathan Vincent Pattara	24-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-317	C/Amn Jyair Malik Smith	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-061
C/TSgt Solan Kyle Everly	25-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-334	C/Amn Carter Patrick Powers	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-049
C/TSgt Jillian Jade Ondrus	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-075	C/Amn Connor Gerald Coons	16-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-284
C/SSgt Nathan A Guyton	6-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-008	C/Amn Riley Louis Kroll	18-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-284
C/SSgt Samantha Charalambous	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-282	C/Amn Dylan Dibley	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/SSgt Tyler Steven Pollack	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-282	C/Amn Caroline Alexa Winstead	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/SrA Eric Gu	12-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-189	C/Amn Anna Grace Winstead	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/SrA Joseph Anthony Clemmons	17-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-329	C/Amn Aneesh Amol Bargaje	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-067
C/SrA Mary Katherine Niemeyer	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-189	C/Amn Isabel V Beams	20-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-036
C/SrA Sara Christine Simpson	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205	C/Amn Jonathan A Beams	20-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-036
C/SrA Daigo Ito	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-075	C/Amn Brandon W. Legereit	20-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205
C/SrA Dylan Kaihao Xianto	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-075	C/Amn Samuel Randall Sicinski	21-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-329
C/SrA Cooper Kenneth Caraway	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-240	C/Amn Hunter Grant Seymour	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-263
C/SrA Julia Watson	29-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-205	C/Amn Alexandra Triantafillos	26-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-075
C/A1C Benjamin Franklin Wolf	5-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-049			

Senior Member Promotions

Senior Members are shown with their new rank

(New Grade) Name	Promotion Date	Unit	(New Grade) Name	Promotion Date	Unit
1st Lt Julie F Moses	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-061	2d Lt Mitchell G Herren	15-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-036
1st Lt Raymond E Walden IV	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-067	2d Lt Michael A Cox	15-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-036
2d Lt Thomas N Chapman	4-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-263	2d Lt Stanton J Taylor	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-042
2d Lt Adam E Fitting	14-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-312	2d Lt Stephen P Verner	19-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-271
2d Lt Matthew B Donelan	15-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-036	2d Lt Ronnie Yarbrough Jr	22-Nov-2019	GLR-IL-274

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Senior Duty Assignments

Date	Member	Level	Assignment
1-Nov-2019	Lt Col Thomas A DeMaeyer	GROUP	Advisor to the Commander
1-Nov-2019	Lt Col Thomas A DeMaeyer	GROUP	Emergency Services Officer
1-Nov-2019	SM Wade A Thweatt	UNIT	Alerting Officer
2-Nov-2019	Capt Gary A Brown	UNIT	Advisor to the Commander
2-Nov-2019	Capt Gary A Brown	UNIT	Aerospace Education Officer
2-Nov-2019	Capt Rebecca Sutera Tulloch	UNIT	Public Affairs Officer
2-Nov-2019	1st Lt Brandon R Zaleiski	UNIT	Alerting Officer
2-Nov-2019	2d Lt Jeniffer E Zaleiski	UNIT	Supply Officer
2-Nov-2019	2d Lt Richard A Beaulieu	UNIT	Assit Deputy Commander for Seniors
2-Nov-2019	SM Jeremy J Montgomery	UNIT	Emergency Services Training Officer
2-Nov-2019	SM Jeremy J Montgomery	UNIT	Health Services Officer
2-Nov-2019	SM Robert M Goodnough Jr	UNIT	Communications Officer
5-Nov-2019	SM Ross C Peterson	UNIT	Assistant Testing Officer
5-Nov-2019	1st Lt Michael A Cittadino	UNIT	Emergency Services Officer
5-Nov-2019	1st Lt Timothy J Wetterhus	UNIT	Assistant Safety Officer
5-Nov-2019	2d Lt Robert A Boughton	UNIT	Assistant Testing Officer
6-Nov-2019	Maj Curtis G Kmiecek	UNIT	Chaplain
6-Nov-2019	1st Lt Bruce R Estep	UNIT	Finance Officer
6-Nov-2019	1st Lt Joshua Loy	UNIT	Assistant Finance Officer
6-Nov-2019	1st Lt Jamie L Hiles	UNIT	Assistant Finance Officer
8-Nov-2019	2d Lt Ramon P Cuerva	UNIT	Maintenance Officer
9-Nov-2019	Lt Col Mark A Razny	WING	Counterdrug Officer
11-Nov-2019	2d Lt Roderick L Rilea	UNIT	Assistant Communications Officer
11-Nov-2019	2d Lt Roderick L Rilea	UNIT	Web Security Administrator
12-Nov-2019	1st Lt Kenneth D Lambeth	UNIT	Assistant Aerospace Education Officer
12-Nov-2019	1st Lt Kenneth D Lambeth	UNIT	Assistant Testing Officer
13-Nov-2019	1st Lt Brandon R Zaleiski	UNIT	Commander
14-Nov-2019	2d Lt David N Abuaf	UNIT	Assistant Finance Officer
15-Nov-2019	SM Christina M Beams	UNIT	Assistant Personnel Officer
15-Nov-2019	Capt Danny L Rothe	UNIT	Emergency Services Training Officer
15-Nov-2019	2d Lt Matthew B Donelan	UNIT	Assistant Squadron Leadership Officer
15-Nov-2019	Capt Donald A Johnson	UNIT	Deputy Commander
15-Nov-2019	1st Lt Angela M Woodson	UNIT	Administrative Officer
15-Nov-2019	1st Lt Jeffrey E Baker	UNIT	Assistant Administrative Officer
15-Nov-2019	1st Lt Kelly A Jones	UNIT	Safety Officer
15-Nov-2019	2d Lt Dustin E Large	UNIT	Assistant Safety Officer
15-Nov-2019	2d Lt Mitchell G Herren	UNIT	Assistant Squadron Leadership Officer
15-Nov-2019	2d Lt Michael A Cox	UNIT	Emergency Services Officer
18-Nov-2019	SM Andrew J Smolenski	UNIT	Disaster Preparedness Officer
18-Nov-2019	SM Andrew J Smolenski	UNIT	Homeland Security Officer
18-Nov-2019	SM Andrew J Smolenski	UNIT	Assistant Public Affairs Officer
19-Nov-2019	SM Mark D Flage	UNIT	Public Affairs Officer
19-Nov-2019	Capt Roland A Tranquilli Jr	UNIT	Logistics Officer
19-Nov-2019	Capt Roland A Tranquilli Jr	UNIT	Supply Officer
20-Nov-2019	Capt Michael W Marzano	GROUP	Deputy Commander
20-Nov-2019	Lt Col Thomas A DeMaeyer	UNIT	Commander
22-Nov-2019	Maj David E Gillingham	UNIT	Assistant Alerting Officer
22-Nov-2019	SM William S Klosa	UNIT	Alerting Officer
23-Nov-2019	SMSgt Eric S Perham	UNIT	Assist Deputy Commander for Cadets
23-Nov-2019	2d Lt Patrick J Joyce	UNIT	Cadet Activities Officer
26-Nov-2019	Maj Michael F Thompson	UNIT	Deputy Commander for Cadets
26-Nov-2019	Maj Jay S Trivedi	UNIT	Alerting Officer
26-Nov-2019	1st Lt Gwendolyn A Walsh	UNIT	Assist Deputy Commander for Cadets
27-Nov-2019	Lt Col Jerry G Scherer	GROUP	Finance Officer

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Senior Member Specialty Ratings

Name	Award Date	Specialty	Level
1st Lt Joanne Weber	8-Nov-2019	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	SENIOR
1st Lt Andrew Scoulas	12-Nov-2019	LOGISTICS	TECHNICIAN
Lt Col Joseph J Long	13-Nov-2019	OPERATIONS	TECHNICIAN
1st Lt Tami L Cox	15-Nov-2019	AEROSPACE	TECHNICIAN
1st Lt Tami L Cox	15-Nov-2019	FINANCE	SENIOR
Maj Craig A Knickerbocker	18-Nov-2019	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	MASTER
1st Lt Kenneth D Lambeth	25-Nov-2019	AEROSPACE	SENIOR

Senior Member Awards

Name	Date	Award	Unit	Name	Date	Award	Unit
Capt Kevin A Massey	8-Nov-2019	LOENING	GLR-IL-001	SM Jonathan R Heinkel	26-Nov-2019	MBRSHIP	GLR-IL-049
1st Lt Joanne Weber	13-Nov-2019	LOENING	GLR-IL-001	SM Mario J Nonnenmann	1-Nov-2019	YEAGER	GLR-IL-271
1st Lt Raymond E Walden IV	12-Nov-2019	DAVIS	GLR-IL-067	Capt Andre Kok	9-Nov-2019	YEAGER	GLR-IL-205
1st Lt Julie F Moses	19-Nov-2019	DAVIS	GLR-IL-061	Lt Col Dwight A Davies	11-Nov-2019	YEAGER	GLR-IL-329
SM Robert M Goodnough Jr	2-Nov-2019	MBRSHIP	GLR-IL-274	SM Zygmunt Jan Alt	18-Nov-2019	YEAGER	GLR-IL-075
SM Giodanni Victor	5-Nov-2019	MBRSHIP	GLR-IL-067	SM Giodanni Victor	19-Nov-2019	YEAGER	GLR-IL-067
SM Constantine E Tsoukatos	5-Nov-2019	MBRSHIP	GLR-IL-189	1st Lt Lee F Davis	24-Nov-2019	YEAGER	GLR-IL-036
SM Kyle J Krogh	6-Nov-2019	MBRSHIP	GLR-IL-090	1st Lt Richard H Roberts	26-Nov-2019	YEAGER	GLR-IL-274
SM Christina M Beams	13-Nov-2019	MBRSHIP	GLR-IL-036	2d Lt Bruce B Reumann	29-Nov-2019	YEAGER	GLR-IL-271
SM John E Janowiak	15-Nov-2019	MBRSHIP	GLR-IL-312				

Cadet Duty Assignments

New Unit Cadet Commanders appear in **RED**

Date	Member	Level	Assignment
3-Nov-2019	C/1stLt Jonathan Norber	WING	Cadet RCAC Assistant
15-Nov-2019	C/2dLt Jesse E Baker	UNIT	Cadet Activities Officer
15-Nov-2019	C/2dLt Jesse E Baker	UNIT	Cadet Flight Commander
15-Nov-2019	C/CMSgt Caleb M Woodson	UNIT	Cadet Aerospace Education NCO
15-Nov-2019	C/2dLt Paige Alexandra Cox	UNIT	Cadet Executive Officer
15-Nov-2019	C/1stLt Keith M Jones	UNIT	Cadet Deputy Commander
15-Nov-2019	C/1stLt Kaitlyn A Hoskins-Orr	UNIT	Cadet Commander
15-Nov-2019	C/CMSgt Aaron Scott McKinsey	UNIT	Cadet Emergency Services NCO
15-Nov-2019	C/CMSgt Matthew Glenn McKinsey	UNIT	Cadet Emergency Services NCO
19-Nov-2019	C/2dLt Abigail Lee Turek	UNIT	Cadet Deputy Commander
19-Nov-2019	C/2dLt Evelyn Angel Buck	UNIT	Cadet Leadership Officer
19-Nov-2019	C/TSgt Samantha Miranda	UNIT	Cadet Flight Sergeant
20-Nov-2019	C/2dLt Abigail Lee Turek	UNIT	Cadet WCAC Representative
20-Nov-2019	C/CMSgt Ryan Paul Prell	UNIT	Cadet GCAC Representative
20-Nov-2019	C/TSgt Jillian Jade Ondrus	UNIT	Cadet Supply NCO
23-Nov-2019	C/1stLt Steven M Zelek	UNIT	Cadet Commander
23-Nov-2019	C/2dLt Jorryn Savannah Zelek	UNIT	Cadet Executive Officer
23-Nov-2019	C/CMSgt Zoe Marie Suwanski	UNIT	Cadet Flight Commander
23-Nov-2019	C/CMSgt Mark Richard Luchsinger	UNIT	Cadet First Sergeant
29-Nov-2019	C/2dLt Joshua Samuel Thomas	UNIT	Cadet Deputy Commander

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Member Decorations

Commander's Commendation Award (Wing) from 02 Apr 2019 to 22 Oct 2019	Capt Elizabeth S Genengels	11/19/2019
Achievement Award from 01 Aug 2019 to 31 Oct 2019	Lt Col Thomas A DeMaeyer	11/4/2019
Achievement Award from 05 May 2019 to 22 Oct 2019	1st Lt Anthony J Canevello	11/4/2019
Achievement Award from 07 Aug 2018 to 22 Oct 2019	Capt Charles L Berkebile	11/4/2019
Achievement Award from 05 Mar 2019 to 22 Oct 2019	2d Lt Krista M Piwonka	11/4/2019
Achievement Award from 02 Apr 2019 to 22 Oct 2019	2d Lt Thomas N Chapman	11/4/2019
Achievement Award from 01 Nov 2019 to 11 Nov 2019	Capt Mark A Ohrwall	11/12/2019
Achievement Award from 01 Oct 2018 to 22 Oct 2019	1st Lt Dawn M Iselin	11/19/2019



Professional Development

The end of the year is a great time to review your professional development plan with your unit's professional development officer. Often, I hear members indicate they wish they had paid more attention to their progression as they feel they should be further along in their development, rank, skill attainment, etc. It is easy to stay busy in Civil Air Patrol, and too often, members put their progression on hold while taking care of CAP business and others. We are a giving group of people by nature. Still, we need also to practice self-care and ensure we pay attention to our development, which will also benefit the entire organization. So as we enjoy our holiday season, RESOLVE to bring your best in 2020. The PD Team is growing and will transition under new leadership in 2020 to bring our membership more offerings to serve you better. We are looking forward to growing better together. Together we all succeed!

UPCOMING COURSES:

SLS Courses:

Upcoming 1 Day SLS with 6 hours of preclass assignments to be held at Schaumburg Regional Airport 21 December 2019 (prerequisites due 20 December 2019) All precourse work must be completed to attend the course and no drop-in students will be accepted. Last Day to register 17 December 2019. POC: Lt Iselin, diselin@ilwg.cap.gov

A SLS is being held in Indiana on 1 February 2020 at the Porter County Airport with the last day to register is 23 Jan 2020. POC: Capt Kathy Howard email: khoward@inwg.cap.gov

Upcoming Unit Commanders Course:

18-19 January 2020 to be held at ILWG Headquarters in Monee. CAPF 17 required for out of state attendees. The deadline for registration is 18 December 2019. POC: Lt Iselin diselin@ilwg.cap.gov

In Residence Course Schedules: <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/cap-university/course-schedules>

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COMPLIANCE is every day, not just six months before your unit is due for inspection. Unit commanders should read the new CAPR 20-3 regarding inspections. Note the changes in grading and time to complete inspections. Commanders can also look on the [wing web site](#) to see if their unit will be inspected in 2020 and if so when.

“Leadership” by MSgt Frank D’Angelo, Illinois Wing Command NCO

Are you a leader? Yes, you are! When you don your Civil Air Patrol uniform, whether you realize it or not, you are seen as a leader by all who interact with you in one way or another. It doesn’t matter if you are a cadet or a senior member, a civilian or a service member.

But leadership doesn’t end when the uniform is doffed. True leadership is ceaseless. You might think of a leader as someone who is respected in their field of work, such as a scientist, a corporate officer, a fire chief, an astronaut, or an artist. Does their leadership take leave at the end of the workday? A true leader is not only a *professor* of their vocation, they are a professor of each aspect of life.

I view a leader in Civil Air Patrol as one who puts others first. A servant. A teacher. They are a professional at their job, but they never stop learning and improving. A leader excels in their spiritual life, family life, with friendships, in their scholastic careers, and so on.

What does a leader look like? A leader looks like you. A leader is confident but not arrogant. A leader is a master of articulating missions and their objectives. A leader is approachable and trustworthy. A leader is genuinely sympathetic and caring. A leader is in it for the mission, the greater cause, and for others, but not for themselves. A leader doesn’t always have the perfect answer. But, they know who does or where to find it. They network with other leaders. They distance themselves from the nefarious but are available to guide them to virtuousness. And a leader always shares their wisdom and knowledge. They are *not selfish*.

I’ve had the opportunity during my military career to meet exceptional leaders, and the one thing they had in common was their servant spirit. They made the effort to meet with their Airmen, to speak candidly with them, and listen to them. They were approachable and not intimidating or indifferent. They invite and accept sincere feedback without reprisal or dispute. Real leaders also recognize that they are *first and always* followers too. Regardless of your position and responsibilities in Civil Air Patrol, you must admit and recognize that there is always someone above you in the chain-of-command; that you are responsible *to* your superiors and *for* your subordinates.

I challenge all Airmen of Civil Air Patrol to recognize the leader in you, to grow a heart of a teacher, and to put others first by being a servant-Airman. Be the leader who propels others to success. Identify your strengths and weaknesses and improve on both. Finally, a leader isn’t perfect, but they are not too proud to admit imperfection and learn from others. Be that kind of leader. Aim high, Airmen!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

These past few months we have been very good for Diversity and Inclusion. So far, we have formed a committee whose members are working diligently to put into a simple framework what Diversity and Inclusion is. We all know diversity is having a variety of different inputs from different life experiences and inclusion is simply including people in what we do. Simple right?

The issue we are working on now is how to evaluate the program with the parameters National Headquarters has given us. We will be working with the wing command staff on these issues. So please keep up the great work you are doing to include people in your efforts in Civil Air Patrol, we look forward to 2020. Merry Christmas from the staff of Diversity and Inclusion Major Rounds, 1/Lt. Weber and Sgt D’Angelo.

A Word on Retention



Professional Development... Okay two words, but if you haven't thought about it, your professional development officer holds a pearl when it comes to retention. As members we talk a lot about recruiting, and without question there is certainly a need. However, retention often gets lost in the quest to prepare and perform our weekly unit meetings. As recruiting and retention officers you might be aware, you/we are few, so finding ways to duplicate ourselves or at least some of the duties we are performing is crucial.

The pearl I'm talking about in professional development is progression. With all the members that come-and-go in Civil Air Patrol, "progression" is a key factor in the "go" part of that statement. When new members come into the organization you have probably heard the expression "plug them in" to the system... but what does that really mean. If you think that means get them through Level 1 right away, I'd say a resounding YES. If you think that means show them how they can get involved and participate at weekly meetings, again I'd say YES. If you think that means you've got them plugged in, I'd say, hold on... not at all.

The key to getting new members plugged in is helping them understand their specialty track. But wait... there's more! Members not only need to understand their specialty track, they actually need to perform the duties that are outlined in their specialty track pamphlet. After all, performing the duties that are outlined in the specialty track is the job description for the position. Showing up every week and participating, while helpful, is not the same as performing the duties of the position you've been assigned. Civil Air Patrol has gone to great lengths to document for us, specifically what is expected for each duty position... there's no need to reinvent the wheel, we already have the car.

So to be more specific, what's the pearl that your professional development officer holds? To answer that, I refer to the professional development specialty track CAPP 40-40. Starting as early as the technician rating, the professional development officer is to...

"...conducted a review of completed/needed training with not less than 25% of the units Senior Members with the OJT Mentor and Unit Commander."

This specific task is all about member progression, and when you have member progression you have retention. Find a way to get members to complete their specialty track rating and promote and you have retention. Celebrate the fact that a senior member has progressed to the next level and earned that next promotion "in front of the whole squadron" and you have retention. Celebrating progression is demonstrating leading by example, not only to other senior members, but to the cadets... and you better believe it, the cadets are paying attention to whether or not senior members progress. To the cadets, seeing senior members progress is so important that it could be the very reason a cadet decides he or she has a future in Civil Air Patrol beyond that of a cadet.

So get to know the professional development officer in your unit... and share these ideas. Don't have a professional development officer? ...sounds like a task for the recruiting and retention officer.

...and that's the word on recruiting and retention for this month.

[Maj Craig Knickerbocker](#)
Director of Recruiting and Retention
Illinois Wing

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A very good [article](#) on brand authenticity.

This item was put together from a Facebook post. I recommend all PAOs, primary and assistant request to join the "CAP Public Affairs" Facebook Group.

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