



ILLINOIS WINGMAN

Information from Illinois Wing members, for Illinois Wing members

Volunteer opportunities at Johnson Flight Academy 2023

By Maj. R. R. "Rod" Rakic

The Johnson Flight Academy is looking for additional support staff for the upcoming 2023 sessions.

Flight operations are based at Coles County Airport (MTO) near Mattoon, Illinois. Session 1 is June 9-17 and session 2 is June 16-24. They also can use some help with setup and demobilization a day prior and after the academy.

Members interested in helping should contact Lt Col Robert Bowden, Johnson Flight Academy Commander at rbowden@cap.gov

The JFA team are looking for staff to assist with the following:

- Flight Instructors - Powered CFIs
- Kitchen staff / Logistics
- Marketing and Communications - Article writers

The Johnson Flight Academy has been held in Illinois Wing since 1967. It is Civil Air Patrol's longest running and largest flight academy and the only academy in the country to offer cadet flight training in Powered Aircraft, Glider and Hot Air Balloons. More than 50 cadets from across the country will attend this year.



ProTip: Members assisting beyond a single day (ex. van drivers, ferry flights, setup crew) will need to apply to attend the academy and receive approvals from their chain of command. This is accomplished in eServices - Menu - Cadet Programs - Registration and Payment System - Application. It is requested you be available for the entire session.

And since you're going to ask... Cadets wishing to attend the 2024 Johnson Flight Academy need to apply in December of 2023. JFA admission is highly competitive and uses the NCSA point ranking system to determine slotting.

I've served on JFA staff myself as a CFI... I had a blast. I hope you'll consider it.



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Cadet Brothers Participate in Great Lakes Region Exercise, April 2023

By C/1st Lt Jonathan Pattara

Colonel Shorty Powers Composite Squadron

What was your role, responsibility, & contribution to the training missions?

I was a Geospatial Information Systems Technical Specialist (MSA) assigned to the Ground Branch Operations Staff. My specific role allowed me to test tracking software on a very large scale for greater situational awareness within the Mission's Common Operating Picture. In addition to the tracking capabilities, through the software that I was using, I was able to plot all of the incident information on topographical maps.

What were your lessons learned, new experiences, & qualifications earned?

Personally, I am a GTM 1, UDF (SET), MRO (SET), MSA (SET), and CUL (T), I have taken an interest specifically in the Incident Command Staff side, so I have taken FEMA's ICS 300 and ICS 400 to aid in my understanding of expanding incidents. I have been on over 7 Real Missions and 24 Training Exercises. I am also qualified in the ES Specialty track as a technician rating and working towards technician in both Safety and Communications.

Did you enjoy the training weekend?

Overall it was very fun, and I highly recommend ALL cadets try Emergency Services at least once. It is not for everyone, but everyone can find the part of it that they like. Some people are Ground Team all the way, whereas I like being in a building and working with ICP Staff.

What else would you like to share with readers?

One of the main things that I feel Cadets do not understand about ES is that it is a fulfillment of our Cadet Oath. "To prepare me to be of service to my Community, State, and Nation" ES is a very beneficial way to prepare yourself to be of service. There are so many good ways to get involved there is no reason that should deter Cadets from being involved.

Additionally, ES can translate to jobs in the private sector. A lot of cadets think it is something that is obsolete but that is not the case and is looked upon very well by companies either in Emergency Management or in any other job, it shows determination and service, and commitment to the community which is not commonplace in young people today.

Tell us about yourself

Within CAP I am from the Col. Shorty Powers Comp. Squadron, I have been a part of the Indiana Wing and Illinois Wing. Additionally, I have been a Cadet for over 4 ½ years. Within the squadron, I hold the position of Cadet Commander as well as Cadet ESO. I am currently finishing my Sophomore year in high school. I have 5 siblings (Including Matthew). As far as my personal life, I am a very avid participant in Stoa Speech and Debate which is a National Speech and Debate Forensics League. I will be attending the National Invitational Tournament in late May for three different types of speech categories and in Team Policy Debate. Within Team Policy Debate I am currently 35th in the nation out of 414 Teams. In the Debate Speaker category, I am 12th in the Nation out of 653 competitors. I am also a Coach for My Speech and Debate Club.



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By C/A1C Matthew Pattara

Colonel Shorty Powers Composite Squadron

What was your role, responsibility, & contribution to the training missions?

I was a Mission Radio Operator/Mission Staff Assistant. My roll was to answer phone calls from groups that were outside of radio repeater range. My responsibilities and contributions were to bring messages back and forth to the Ground Branch Director and Air Branch Director.

What were your lessons learned, new experiences, & qualifications earned?

I learned better communication procedures. I was able to serve with high ranking senior members and learn more about the mission purpose, mission progress and mission operation successes and setbacks. And, I was able to earn my Ground Team Trainee status.

Did you enjoy the training weekend?

Although I served on the Saturday portion of the mission, I enjoyed the communications aspect of the mission as well as the camaraderie between Cadets and Senior Members. I served at the Mission Base.

What else would you like to share with readers?

The size of CAP became clearer as both Illinois and Indiana served together in this mission. CAP can seem like it is only squadron activities, but the mission really showed how we can work together in our service for our country.

Tell us about yourself

I'm a Cadet Airman 1st Class (C/A1C) and in my first year of CAP. I have a brother who served in CAP and another who is currently serving. I'm involved in sports groups through church, and a member of a forensic speech and debate team. I am a member of the Col.Shorty Powers Composite Squadron that meets in Bolingbrook, Illinois. I have 3 brother and 2 sisters and I'm a 7th grader.



Lewis Composite Squadron Participates in STEM Conference & Rocket Competition

Members of Lewis Composite Squadron IL-329 participated in two great events in April.

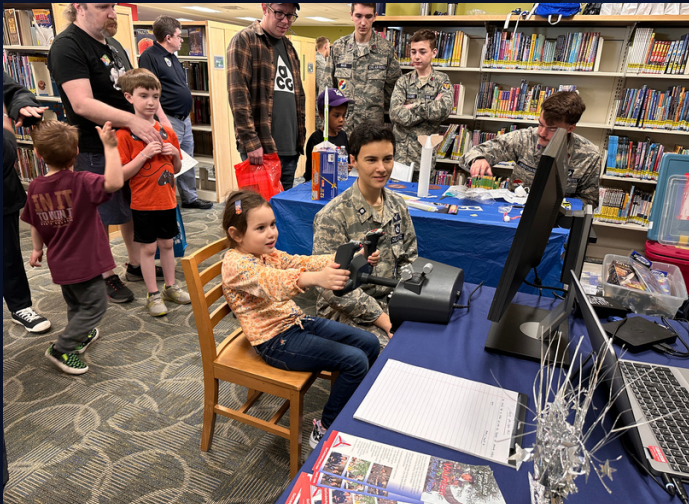
On April 15th, members of the squadron represented the Civil Air Patrol at the STEM Fest held at the White Oak Library in Romeoville, Illinois. STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, is a well-known international activity that introduces young people to a wide range of programs. IL-329 was one of over 35 different organizations which participated in the event, including: Argonne National Laboratory, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Romeoville Fire Department, and the Chicago Archeological Society.

The Aerospace Education officer, 1st Lt Michael Emmert, coordinated the event, which also included great representation by the squadron's cadets. The team provided STEM Fest visitors the opportunity to use a flight simulator, build paper airplanes, and watch as cadets made model rockets. These young people and their parents were also introduced to the Civil Air Patrol and encouraged to learn more about the organization.

On April 26th, IL-329 cadets participated in a model rocket competition at Joliet Central High School. Nicholas Zorn, who is a science teacher at the school and leads their astronomy club, worked closely with 1st Lt Emmert and Deputy Commander for Cadets, Maj Dan Johnson, to coordinate the event. Members of the Joliet Central Astronomy and Science clubs and their JROTC participated in the event, along with a motivated team of IL-329 cadets.

This was a great opportunity for all participants to enjoy model rocket building and launching. Representatives from both teams also received awards for competition events, which included: altitude, longest parachute, longest glide, drag race and egg payload. IL-329 cadets were also given an opportunity to visit the amazing planetarium at the high school.

If you have any questions regarding these activities, please contact squadron commander Maj Maria Prekop via email at mprekop@ilwg.cap.gov.



Lewis Composite Squadron Promotions & Awards

Three cadet members of Lewis Composite Squadron IL-329 received special recognition at the unit's last promotion and awards meeting on April 27, 2023.

C/Capt Cooper Irvin was presented with the VFW Award for Cadet Officers, an annual award which recognizes cadets in each CAP squadron for the training year, emphasizing outstanding leadership, patriotism, and military bearing. C/Capt Irvin has been with IL-329 since April 2019. He has served on the Cadet Advisory Committee at the Squadron, Group, Wing, and now at the National level. Currently a college Freshman, C/Capt Irvin has shown extraordinary interest and capability in the role of Cadet Finance Officer.

C/CMSgt Matthew Kelliher, who serves in the role of Cadet First Sergeant, was presented with the VFW Award for Cadet Non-Commissioned Officers, an annual award which also recognizes cadets in each CAP squadron for the training year, emphasizing outstanding leadership, patriotism, and military bearing. C/CMSgt Kelliher has been with IL-329 since February 2021. His attitude, great personality and always being able and

willingness to assist where needed provides a great example to his peers and defines his leadership style as one who is truly committed to the squadron and those he leads.

C/CMSgt Colton Crouthamel was presented with the Air Force Sergeants Association Award, which recognizes an enlisted cadet at the squadron level throughout the United States for exceptionally meritorious service or exceptionally outstanding achievement. C/CMSgt Crouthamel has been with IL-329 since April 2021, and currently serves in the role of Cadet Commander. He has attended and successfully completed many academies including the PCR-RMR Honor Guard Academy, National Emergency Services Academy, Honor Guard Academy, and Region Cadet Leadership School, which name just a few of his accomplishments. His positive and "can-do" attitude is infectious and sets a great example for the cadets of the squadron.

If you have any questions regarding these awards, please contact squadron commander Maj Maria Prekop via email at mprekop@ilwg.cap.gov.



C/CMSgt Kelliher



C/Capt Cooper



C/CMSgt Crouthamel

Illinois Wing Communications

By **Lt Col Jim Bartel, CAP** | IWCS Director

The Illinois Wing Communications School has run continuously since 2000. It is run concurrently with Summer Encampment each year. It is open to both Senior and Cadet members. The school provides its students with the complete MRO skill set, so those leaving at the end of the week, as long as the prerequisites are completed, will have their MRO rating.

Students are given ample time on the radio during the week as the school also provides the communications needs for the Summer Encampment. In addition to time on the radio, students will learn how to set up radio equipment and antennas. There will be course material on radio propagation, safety, and RF exposure limits.

Students will also become proficient in the set-up an use of both the Portable Deployable repeater(PDR) in its ground use and airborne operation, and the Rapid Deployment Package(RDP). The RDP is a portable High Frequency (HF) radio for communication over distances longer than our standard VHF radios can be used. Students will also have the opportunity to send and receive formal message traffic over the National Training Net that occurs daily every weekday.

Prerequisites:

- Seniors must have completed Level 1
- Cadets must have completed a prior basic encampment
- Seniors and cadets need to complete The Introductory Communications User Training (ICUT). Both the AXIS portion and
- the in-person evaluation
- Completion of the FEMA IS-100 and IS-700 courses that are located
- on-line
- Completion of the 117 test, part 3
- Need to have an open MRO SQTR with your commander's approval

Please see your squadron training officer or Squadron Commander for information about the on-line courses.

Further information can be found on the Summer Encampment website along with the application process.



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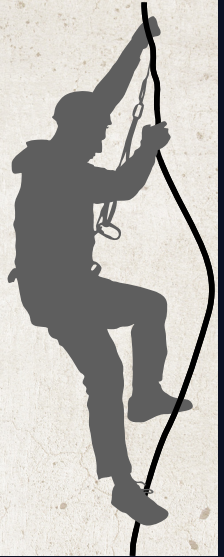


Information for Cadets

Illinois Wing Summer Encampment

20 - 29 July 2023
Marseilles Training Center
near Marseilles, Illinois

Registration to Open by 15 May
<https://ilsummer.cap.gov>



Cadets: Interested in Journalism, Photography, or Graphic Design?

Be a Contributing Writer,
Photojournalist, or Graphic
Designer for Illinois Wingman

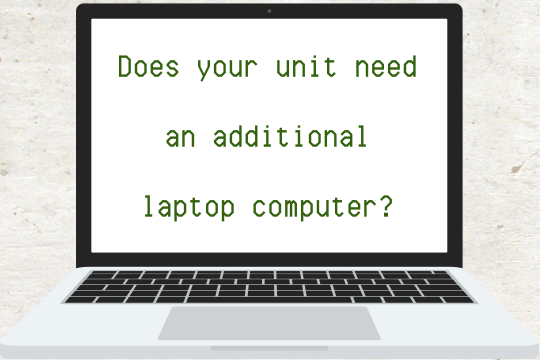
Email SMSgt Frank D'Angelo
for more info

Interested applicants should have
some experience in

- Interviewing, writing, & editing
- Digital photography & editing
- Digital Graphic Design

and be passionate about telling readers
about Civil Air Patrol

Announcements



Does your unit need
an additional
laptop computer?

Older laptop computers
are available on
request

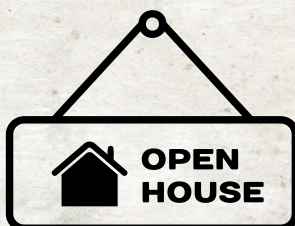
Contact Maj Ed Danley
by email
edanley@ilwg.cap.gov

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OPEN HOUSES & OTHER
RECRUITING EVENTS
ON THE WING WEBSITE**

RECRUITING EVENTS WEBPAGE

Send details to PA@ilwg.cap.gov

- Host Unit Name
- Name of Event
- Date(s) & Time(s)
- Event Address &/or Virtual Event Link
- Additional Details & Instructions



CAP National Conference

Registration Now Open

Register Here

Bellevue, WA | 18-19 Aug 2023



Scott Air Force Base Air Show & STEM Expo

Featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels
and Civil Air Patrol, too!

More Info Here

Vehicle pass required to
drive onto the base
(Open the link to request vehicle pass)

Scott AFB, IL

13-14 May 2023

Gates Open 9am - 5pm

Cavalcade of Planes

Volunteer Registration
Please register by 20 May 2023

Register Here

Bolingbrook's
Clow International Airport
3-4 Jun 2023



Training & Education Opportunities

Rocky Mountain Region offers Level 5 Course at USAF Academy in June

University of Rocky Mountain Region is offering an in-person (and perhaps a dual ViR) Level 5 Course at the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs, CO on 19-23 June 2023. There will be lodging and food at the academy. Registration is required by 15 May 2023. Any CAP senior member who has completed level 4 may attend.

POC Email: K Powers@cap.gov

NESA 2023 Communications School

18 Jun - 2 Jul 2023

New Courses Offered
RADO | Week 1
COML | Week 2

Communications Staff
Members Needed, Too!

POC: Maj Scott Higgins, CAP



FEMA Public Information Officer Training Opportunities

<https://training.fema.gov/programs/pio/trainops.aspx>

Dates: 10-14 July 2023

**Location: DuPage County OHSEM
418 N County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187**

To Register:

Step 1: Register through the State's training system at: IEMA Registration

Step 2: To Apply with EMI to receive credit AFTER registering with the State:

<http://training.fema.gov/onlineadmissions/>

Course Code: L0388

Include the email of Training Site POC Kevin Sur as the Head of Organization for approval on the Online Application.

POC:

Kevin Sur, Training Contact,
kevin.sur@illinois.gov

Craig Dieckman, Onsite Training POC,
craig.dieckman@dupageco.org

Dates: 11-15 September 2023

Location: Virtual, 8:00 am- 5:00 pm EDT

Note: *You must have functional video and audio capabilities to attend this training. Your primary source may not be a mobile phone.*

To Register:

DHS-FEMA General Admissions Application

Course Code: K0388

Include the email of your Supervisor as the Head of Organization for approval on the Online Application.

POC: Nicole Shutts, Program Manager.
Nicole.shutts@fema.dhs.gov

Virtual Office Hours

Public Affairs Virtual Office Hours

**2nd Thursday
of each month
1900-2000 hours
Central**

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

**All PAOs & Cadet PAOs,
PAOs from other wings,
and all interested are
welcome**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

**3rd Wednesday
of each month
1915-2000 hours Central**

Google Meet