



The Fly-By

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
LA CROSSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON



COMMANDER'S NOTES

We've come to the end of another year as 2017 is now in the books. Moments like this provide us a chance to take a pause and look back at what we've accomplished and what we need to improve on.

With the help of all of our members, friends, and supporters, we've had a very good 2017. We held the first-ever 5K run and waffle breakfast. We added many new members to our rosters, and maintained our position as one of Wisconsin's premier units. Financially, we are in the best position we've been in for a number of years. Our ground search capacity has grown and we have some exciting new leaders moving through both our cadet and senior ranks.

But, just because it was a good year, doesn't mean we can rest on our laurels. For 2018 we have a number of areas that we can focus on to make our unit even better!

For example, increasing our pilot numbers; especially orientation and mission pilots, and recruiting two to three additional Certified Flight Instructors in order to help with the cadet flight training demand would greatly benefit our Squadron. Expanding our 5K event into a bigger and better airport community event is another goal. Moving our cadet numbers past the 45 member mark, and flying our aircraft more to reach our 200 hour requirement is yet another goal. These are just some of the things we will tackle in 2018! We need each team member (and some new team members we haven't met yet) to contribute in order to make these goals a reality!

So please enjoy your holiday and our three-week training hiatus. Because 2018 is here...we'll be hitting the ground running!

Major Todd Mandel, Commander

SQUADRON AWARDS NIGHT!

***Please Join Us For Our
Annual Awards Night!***

This year we will be doing a potluck event on Friday, 2 February 2018 at the Myrick Park Center. There will be no cost to attend, but each family that registers will be asked to bring a dish.

Information about what kind of dish to bring will be provided once people have registered.

Watch for registration information to be out shortly!

OPERATIONS UPDATE

The aircraft is ready to go! We need 7 hours before it can be used for O-Flights due to the magneto change. We need to put hours on our aircraft, so if you are able please fly.

**We will offer Mission Scanner training in January!
Please let me know by 1 January if you are interested in participating.**

Please Note: There are new requirements for training all Flight Release Officers (FRO's) that need to be completed by 1 January 2018 as well. Contact me for more information.

All pilots will also see a new ORM that MUST be completed in WMIRS before requesting a flight release. CAPR 70-1 has replaced CAPR 60-1, effective 1 December 2017, so please review it at your leisure. Happy New Year! Fly Safely!!

Major Richard M. Martin, Operations

SQUADRON FINANCE

Our Squadron Quarterly Finance Meeting was held on December 18, 2017 at 1900 Hours.

Attendees were 2dLt. Sara Zittlow, 2dLt. Scott Tiedeman, Maj. Todd Mandel, and Maj. Linda Zimmerman.

1. The cash balance as of 18 December was \$2516.73.
2. Century link was canceled in October as we are switching to hot spots for internet.
3. Our known fixed costs include Excel Energy and water.
4. We are still receiving income from Kwik Trip gas cards and in-store purchases, and aluminum can recycling.
5. 2018 Fundraising
 - March – Parent Letter asking for donations
 - 15 or 22 Sept -- Open House & silent auction
 - F16 Simulator activities
 - Brat Barns (TBD)
 - 26 August 2018 (tentative) 5K run/pancake breakfast/airport open house event
6. 2017 Wreaths Across America - 200 wreaths were purchased. Our Squadron receives \$5 for each wreath. To date we have received \$66.67 from Wreaths Across America, with an additional \$1000 expected.
7. New Squadron patch - 500 were purchased for \$120. Squadron will sell these patches for \$1.00 each
8. Squadron Awards Night will be held on Friday, 2 February. Room rental and awards expenses are expected.

2dLt. Sara Zittlow, Finance Officer

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Did you get a drone for Christmas? If so, be sure to stay on the right side of the FAA and register your drone! Drone owners/operators have two options for drone operation. The first option is to fly under "Section 101" which applies to remote controlled aircraft. The other option is under Section 107 which applies to small unmanned aerial vehicles. The biggest difference between the two sections is whether you can fly for commercial (i.e. someone is paying you) purposes. Under Section 107 you can fly commercially, and under Section 101 you cannot.

Most people who own a small drone will fall under Section 101. However, even under this section you need to register your drone.

You can register it here:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/registration/.

The cost is \$5. Note that there are many websites that say they can help you register your drone for a fee, don't use them! Those sites will charge you \$20 for something you can easily do yourself at www.faa.gov for only \$5. Also, to register a drone you must be 13 years old.

Once you've registered, read the rules about drone flying. Section 101 operators have a number of limitations, including flying near emergency responders, flying near an airport, the size of their drone, and more.

Major Todd Mandel, Commander

CADET UPDATE

Beginning on 8 January we will be installing a new cadet leadership team. Hands-on leadership is a core component of the CAP Cadet Program, and one way we accomplish this is by rotating cadets through leadership positions. Our unit installs new executive leadership approximately every six months, depending on the development of the corps of cadets. The new

Executive Team will be:

- **Cadet Commander:** Cadet Major Mathias Gilliam
- **Cadet Deputy Commander for Operations:** Cadet Second Lieutenant Seth Tiedeman
- **Cadet Deputy Commander for Support:** Cadet Second Lieutenant Mattison Donaldson
- **Cadet First Sergeant:** Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Elyas Dewitt

This team will be working on setting goals and making plans for a dynamic 2018. Please congratulate them on their selection, and thank them for stepping up to serve!

Major Todd Mandel, Commander

ICUT ONLINE TRAINING

Winter is a great time to complete some of the required online trainings such as Introductory Communications User Training (ICUT). *Please Note: there is an online portion and a hands-on portion for this course.

How to find the test -

- In eServices opening screen, use the LEFT Menu - scroll down and click on "Learning Management System"
- Scroll down to "Communications" and click on ICUT
- There are several modules to complete
- Complete each module (videos and online tests).

* Following completion of the online modules, contact Major Mandel or 2dLt. Dewitt to complete the hands-on portion of this course.

Major Linda L. Zimmerman, ESO

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