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Central Iowa Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

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Words of Inspiration

"Do not lower your standards to accommodate others."

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Safety Tip of the Month

Learn where the emergency facilities are before you have to use them!

NCR Encampment 2001

By TFO Theresa Reuter



A cadet waives as they go down the rappel tower at Camp Dodge.



Capt. Doug Jansen fires the M-16 rifle at the Firearms Training Simulator at Camp Dodge

The North Central Region decided that after a decade of not have a regional encampment, that it was time to revive this tradition. The Iowa Wing hosted the 2001 North Central Region Encampment July 7-13 at Camp Dodge National Guard Base in Johnston, Iowa. There were over 100 cadets and over 20 senior members present under the command of Col. Burgess Rennells, Director of Cadet Programs for North Central Region. Present at the encampment were cadets and senior members from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, and North Dakota Wings.

Opportunities to learn presented themselves everyday during the weeklong encampment. For example, cadets were able to conquer fears of heights and learn to trust their leaders while rappelling down a 40-foot tower. By participating in the Leadership Reaction Course, the cadets worked as a team to overcome obstacles and achieve a common goal. Participation in installments of the Global Diplomacy activity allowed cadets to work as a team again as they attempted to create a world that operated peacefully. The week also presented more chances to learn through firearms training in the Firearms Training Simulator. Col. Rex Glasgow, Iowa Wing Commander and Deputy Encampment Commander, Capt. John Halbros, Chief Tactical Officer, and Capt. Doug Jansen, Logistics Officer, showed cadets how to safely operate the M-9, M-16, and SAW weapons. Lt. Col. Gerry Levesque, National DDR Coordinator and Commandant of Cadets for the encampment, taught the cadets how to make a "squared-away" bunk. The cadets marched to the STARC Armory and were briefed on how the Iowa National Guard is prepared to handle natural disasters as a team. Every evening the cadets competed in a volleyball competition, but nobody had enough teamwork to beat the staff! Finally, on the last day the cadets looked sharp as they marched in the Pass in Review in front of dignitaries, friends, and family. The North Central Encampment served as a learning opportunity for everyone present. From the basic cadets to the senior staff, everyone went home having learned valuable lessons that could be taken home.

2001 Wing Ding



Capt. Jansen climbs the rock wall at the UNI Recreation Center.

Over 35 cadets and 10 seniors attended the 2001 Iowa Wing Ding at the National Guard Armory in Waterloo, Iowa August 18th and 19th. The Wing Ding is a drug-free aerospace education activity meant to give the cadets of Iowa Wing the chance to do things they don't normally get to do during the course of a year. In the tradition of General "Hap" Arnold the CAP Wing Ding is a social activity to get cadets together to build camaraderie and esprit de corps. This year's Wing Ding offered cadets a variety of activities including CAP Orientation Flights, Model Rocketry, Swimming, Land Navigation Training, and tours of various aerospace facilities in Waterloo.

The first activity on Saturday was the model rocketry class where SM Krentz helped cadets construct rockets to launch on Sunday afternoon. Cadets began rotating out to receive orientation flights throughout the weekend. Despite weather delays, over 10 orientation rides were accomplished throughout the weekend. After rocketry the cadets competed in a stretcher-bearing course outside the armory. Cadets were challenged to transport their "victims" through a series of tough obstacles and not drop their "victim." After lunch the cadets toured the Army Aviation Support Facility at the Waterloo Airport. Cadets received briefings on the operations of the Army National Guard AH-1 Cobra Attack Helicopters stationed there. Cadet even got to sit in the AH-1 and operate the targeting systems. The cadets then went to the Waterloo Air Traffic Control Tower and got to see what Air Traffic Controllers and Radar Controllers do.

Excellent Evaluation

Several members of Central Iowa Composite Squadron participated in the bi-annual evaluated operations exercise at Grinnell Airport, Grinnell, IA on 21 July 2001. The Iowa Wing is evaluated every other year on how effective its search and rescue and disaster relief capabilities are by a team of Air Force evaluators.

The squadron sent an advanced team early to setup headquarters on the Friday night before the exercise. The advanced team setup the radio masts, SARBase computers, tables, and status boards to ensure a suitable base. Members then camped overnight and woke up early to start the exercise.

Overall the Iowa Wing received an "Excellent" rating from the evaluation team. An Air Force evaluator was quoted as saying. "The people of the wing are what made this excellent" Capt. John Halbrook received an "Outstanding Rating" for ground operations and Capt. Doug Jansen received an "Excellent" rating for communications.

Captains John Halbrook, Doug Jansen, and Suzanne Tomlinson, Second Lieutenant Kelly Calhoun, Flight Officer Troy Ruffin, Senior Member Natasha Krentz, and Cadet Airman Eric Richardson participated in the evaluated exercise this year.



Capt. Halbrook (left) directs ground operations at the 2001 Evaluated Exercise

2001 Wing Ding Cont'd

Then it was time for a light dinner of 18 pizzas and it was off to the University of Northern Iowa Recreation Center for rock climbing and swimming. Cadets got to relax in the pool, enjoy the 3-story waterslide, or play volleyball in the pool.



Cadets transport their patient over an obstacle at the Wing Ding in Waterloo, IA.

After a hearty breakfast early Sunday morning, the cadets piled into the vans and departed for Black Hawk Park for a land navigation course. The Cadet Commander, C/Capt. Darius Robinson, instructed the cadets on how to complete the land navigation course. After the land navigation course C/Capt. Robinson briefed the cadets on a simulated ELT mission they were going on. After the teams found their objectives the cadets came back to the armory for a quick lunch and got back in the vans to go to the UNI-Dome to launch their rockets. Cadets launched their rockets to an altitude of 400 feet and competed for height and distance. Members participating in this activity included Lt. Col. Ralph Tomlinson, Captains Suzanne Tomlinson and Doug Jansen, SM Natasha Krentz, C/Capt. Darius Robinson, C/2Lt. Nick Malone, and C/Amn Eric Richardson.

ELT's Keep Squadron Busy

In late July the squadron responded to two AFRCC dispatched missions. On 27 July the squadron was alerted to a possible missing aircraft in the vicinity of Indianola. Capt. Doug Jansen, 2Lt. Kelly Calhoun, C/SSgt Sean Frantz, and C/Amn Eric Richardson found the ELT in a hangar on Nash Field in Indianola. Then on 30 July the squadron was alerted to another ELT going off in the Des Moines area. Capt. John Halbrook, Capt. Doug Jansen, C/SSgt Sean Frantz, and C/Amn. Eric Richardson responded to this call. The team found the ELT in the Air Life helicopter at Mercy Hospital.



C/Amn Richardson gets his rocket ready to launch at the Wing Ding.

Iowa Wing Supports FlyIowa

The Iowa Wing supported the 2001 FlyIowa Airshow at the Iowa City Airport on 26 August. Capt. Doug Jansen went to Iowa City to help the wing provide flight line support. The wing established a display at the airshow to promote aerospace education and to recruit new members into the CAP.

Promotions This Month

Darius Robinson to C/Maj
Lauren Seruya to C/SMSgt



New Members This Month

Cadet Drew Schlosser
SM Vince Dasta



2001 Upcoming Schedule			Squadron Staff	
Date	Activity	Location	Position	Name
1 Sep	Balloon Race	Storm Lake	Commander	Capt. Jansen
4 Sep	Meeting: ML, AE	Ames Airport	Deputy Commander for Cadets	2Lt. Calhoun
8 Sep	Color Guard Training	Ames Airport	Deputy Commander for Seniors	Lt. Col. Tomlinson
11 Sep	Meeting: SE, DC	Ames Airport	Cadet Commander	C/Maj. Robinson
15 Sep	Mission Aircrew School	DSM ANGB	Admin	Vacant
15 Sep	CD Downlink	DSM ANGB	Aerospace Ed.	Capt. S. Tomlinson
18 Sep	Meeting:	Ames Airport	Communications	Vacant
22 Sep	Flight Clinic	Iowa City	Emergency Services	FO Ruffin
25 Sep	Meeting: PT, Testing	Ames Airport	Finance	Lt. Col. Tomlinson
29-20 Sep	SLS/CLC	Camp Dodge	Historian	Capt. Halbrook
2 Oct	Meeting: ML, AE	Ames Airport	Logistics	2Lt. Calhoun
6 Oct	Training	Storm Lake	Moral Leadership	Capt. S. Tomlinson
9 Oct	Meeting: SE, DC	Ames Airport	Operations	Lt. Col. R. Tomlinson
12-13 Oct	Wing Conference	ISU Mem. Union	Personnel	SM Krentz
14 Oct	Commander's Call	ISU Mem. Union	Public Affairs	Capt. Jansen
16 Oct	Meeting: LL, DC	Ames Airport	Recruiting	C/Maj. Robinson
23 Oct	Meeting: LL, DC	Ames Airport	Safety	Capt. Halbrook
30 Oct	Meeting: PT, Testing	Ames Airport	Testing	Capt. S. Tomlinson

Reminders:

- Don't forget to submit your application for SLS/CLC.
- Don't forget to send in your Wing Conference Registration.
- General ES Training will be available in Cedar Rapids on 3 Nov 01.
- Check out the wing website for the latest changes to the proposed 2002 Wing Calendar.

Projects In Progress:

- Preparing for SLS/CLC
- Training New Volunteers!
- Preparing for Wing Conference



<http://www.iawg.cap.gov/ames>