

MISSOURI WING

CIVIL AIR PATROL

January - March 2024



Cadet Programs

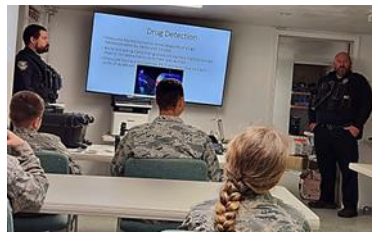
The Missouri Wing Cadet Competition was held at the Ike Skelton Training Site in Jefferson City, MO, from 15-17 March 2024. Congratulations to the Table Rock Lake Composite Squadron team who earned first place and the Springfield Regional Composite Squadron team who came in second place.



Both teams will advance to the North Central Region Cadet Competition, which will be held from 26-28 April at Camp Ripley in Little Falls, MN. These teams will enjoy transportation to the region competition via C-130 thanks to the Missouri National Guard.

At the beginning of the year, officers from the Sedalia Police Department were invited to speak to the members of Sedalia Cadet Flight about the services they provide to the local community. This included instruction on drug detection

practices, drone training and use, as well as the abilities of their K-9 team. The police department currently has two K-9's, Rocky and Ace, who are highly trained in criminal apprehension as well as tracking odors to find drugs such as methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine.



Congratulations to the following cadets on earning a Milestone Achievement!

Wright Brothers Award

Jeremiah Harner MO-009
Michael Henze MO-018
Ethan Marquis MO-018
Zachary Clark MO-070
Hayden Gygax MO-070
Parker Noland MO-070
David Caughron MO-126
John Caughron MO-126
Bennett Richards MO-126
Matthew Allcock MO-127
Eli Edgy MO-127
Robert Crum MO-140
Silas Crum MO-140
Drake Dubisky-Seiler MO-140
Shawn Currin MO-143
Isabella Cates MO-160

Billy Mitchell Award

Amy Glaesemann MO-139
Dominic Santulli MO-140
Eli Long MO-155
Joshua Smith MO-155

Amelia Earhart Award

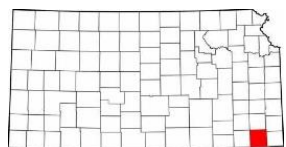
Graeme Garvey MO-110
Blaine Goss MO-126
Nikos Guerrero MO-140

Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award

Abigail Bradshaw MO-070

Emergency Services

A total of 11 members from Col Travis Hoover Composite Squadron assisted Kansas Wing, community volunteers, and the Labette County Sheriff's Office in a missing persons search in Labette County, Kansas in March 2024. On 14 March, a 61-year-old man named Leroy "LB" Myers was reported missing after his vehicle was found abandoned. Two Civil Air Patrol aircraft and several



sUAS aircraft (drones) were used to aid in the search. The drones were particularly useful in viewing inaccessible areas of a nearby lake. The missing man was found alive and was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

On 19 March 2024, members from Central Missouri Composite Squadron received storm spotter training from the National Weather Service. This specialized training included information on how to observe and report severe weather such as thunderstorms,



Congratulations to the following senior members for completing an Education & Training level!

Level I

SM Reyn Mossman MO-023
SM Ryan Wallace MO-023
SM Shirley Friend MO-070
SM Janae Bursey MO-111
SM Justin Falloon MO-111
SM Dana Lucas MO-111
SM Christine Williams MO-126
SM Michael McGill MO-127
SM Benjamin Kobett MO-129
SM Alexandro Paredes MO-129
SM Samantha O'Connell MO-140
SM Anthony Alexander MO-147
SM Lea Caldwell MO-147
SM Arthur Clark MO-155
SM James Bays MO-160
SM Janis Bays MO-160
SM Shannon Groll MO-160
SM Clifford Sutcliffe MO-160

Level II

MSgt Jeffrey OFlynn MO-070
1st Lt Dianne Jacobs MO-126
1st Lt Jared Del Orfano MO-139
Lt Col Clyde McNally MO-140
Capt Guillaume Williams MO-160

Level IV

Capt Charles Gordon MO-153

tornadoes, flash floods, windstorms, and winter storms. Training typically takes about 90 minutes and can even be done virtually. Severe weather reports from the trained network of storm spotters have saved countless lives. <https://www.weather.gov/pdt/spotterTraining>

Aerospace Education

Cadets from Col Travis Hoover Composite Squadron enjoyed flight simulator training in February 2024. 2d Lt Richard Nordell, the unit's Aerospace Education Officer, facilitated the "ground school" like exercise to offer cadets unofficial pilot-in-command time. The use of flight simulators gives those interested in becoming a pilot a realistic idea of what they will see and experience while in flight without even leaving the ground.



Group III offers monthly orientation flights on the second Saturday of the month to any interested cadet. On 10 February 2024, at least 13 flights were conducted with seven cadets receiving their first powered o-flight.

Thank you to all the pilots who spent their Saturday volunteering their time and skills to conduct this training.

Spotlight News!

At the end of February, members from Missouri Wing traveled to our Nation's capital in Washington D.C. to participate in Civil Air Patrol's National Legislative Day. Cadets and senior members were afforded the opportunity to meet with members of congress and their staff



including Senators Josh Hawley and Eric Schmitt, as well as Representatives Blaine Luetkemeyer and Eric Burlison. Participants additionally toured Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier among other great sites.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April:

- 2 Aviation Day at the Capitol
- 5 Vehicle Reports due
- 13 Group III Orientation Flights
- 13 Group 1 TLC Intermediate
- 14 Wing Staff/Group CC Meeting
- 20 Wing SAREX
- 20 Young Eagles at Lee's Summit
- 26-28 Aerospace STEM Academy
- 28 Group/Squadron CC Meeting

May:

- 3-5 Communications Conference
- 5 Vehicle Reports due
- 12 Wing Staff/Group CC Meeting
- 18 Young Eagles at Lee's Summit
- 18 St Louis Flight Open House
- 26 Group/Squadron CC Meeting

June:

- 5 Vehicle Reports due
- 7 Whiteman AFB Tour
- 8-9 Spirit of St. Louis Air Show & STEM Expo
- 8 Group III Orientation Flights
- 9 Wing Staff/Group CC Meeting
- 15 Young Eagles at Lee's Summit
- 15-22 MOWG Encampment
- 23 Group/Squadron CC Meeting

For more details on locations, times, etc., please visit the Missouri Wing Calendar found on the Wing website.

<https://mowg.cap.gov/about/calendar>

The annual Missouri Wing Conference was held on 22-23 March 2024 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO. Friday evening included a social hour and event registration. Saturday morning began with a general session where the Missouri Wing Commander, Colonel Jennifer



Smith, welcomed all the attendees, the National Command Chief, Chief Master Sergeant Todd H. Parsons gave the National briefing, and several members were recognized with awards. A variety of breakout sessions were offered throughout the day followed by the awards banquet in the evening. Colonel Keith J. Butler, commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at



Whiteman Air Force Base was invited as the evening's guest speaker and spoke inspirationally about personal failures and determination. Awards preceded with special recognitions given to the Missouri Wing Cadet of the Year, C/LtCol David Butler, Squadron of the Year, MO-126 Lees Summit Composite Squadron, and the recipient of the John Otradovec Lifetime Achievement Award, Lt

Col Michael McCrady among several others. Congratulations to all that were recognized for their dedication and diligence this past year.



Safety Brief



Wheel Chocks: Wheel chocks are wedges of sturdy material placed against a vehicle's wheels to prevent accidental movement and potential injury of those around the vehicle. It is the responsibility of the vehicle operator to ensure that proper chocking is conducted. This includes selecting the appropriate type and size of chock, as well as a visual inspection to observe for any cracking, chipping or deterioration resulting in the need for replacement. Consideration should be given to the vehicle's wheel size, gross operating weight, the grade of the ground surface, tire pressure, etc. To position the chocks correctly:

- Always ensure the chock is centered, squared, and fits snugly against the tire tread.
- Always use wheel chocks in pairs.
- Wheel chocks must be positioned downhill and below the vehicle's center of gravity.
- On a downhill grade, position the chocks in front of the front wheels.
- On an uphill grade, position the chocks behind the rear wheels.
- On a level grade, position the chocks on the front and back of a single wheel.



For further information, please visit the following link: [Wheel Check Safety](#)