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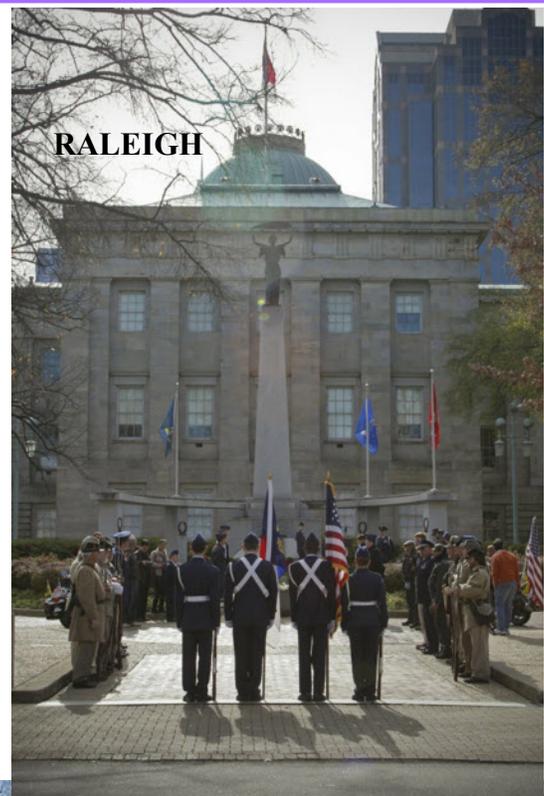
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Wreathes Across America Ceremony in Winston-Salem

It was cold and chilly, but the sun shown bright and made a beautiful day for this special ceremony honoring those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. The service was held at the Lawrence Joel Memorial Coliseum to the side of the main entrance where the individual markers identifying the heroes being honored are located.

The Winston-Salem Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol conducted the service. The Cadet Color guard presented the flag as the National Anthem was being played. Major Ron Cheek led the service and called for the seven cadets bearing wreathes to come forward. After the cadets were in place in front of the Color Guard, Major Cheek spoke about the purpose of honoring these fallen heroes.

One by one the cadets stepped forward and placed the wreath for the group they represented. Following the playing of Amazing Grace on the bagpipe that part of the service was officially concluded. The second part of the service moved inside where the each cadet picked up their wreath and carried it inside the coliseum lobby where they were placed in order in front of the memorial wall where they will remain the rest of the month. Following the playing of Taps the service ended.

WFMY Greensboro and WGHP High Point both covered the service live and WXII Winston-Salem Contacted Captain Clodfelter by phone and requested photos of the service. All three stations aired the service.

Captain Gene Clodfelter

MER-NC-082 Public Affairs Officer



Winston-Salem Cadets March Into The Lawrence Joel Memorial Coliseum

Raleigh-Wake Cadets Perform at Two Memorial Ceremonies

Wreaths Across America-State Capitol and Wake Forest War Memorial

On 10 December 2011, the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron hosted the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony. The squadron performed this ceremony at 2 very special locations at 12:00 EST. These locations were The NC State Capital Building Veterans Memorial and the Wake Forest, NC Veterans Memorial. Here cadets remembered and thanked active duty, veteran, and fallen soldiers of this great country's armed forces.

We were reminded that the freedoms that we take advantage of each and every day weren't just given to us. They were earned by the service men and women risking and giving their lives each day for us. Now that you have read this take the time to shake the hand of a veteran or active duty member of the military and simply say, "thank you." And remember, those two words do make a big difference in everyone's life not just a veteran or active duty member of the armed forces.

Devyn Williams, C/TSgt, CAP

Public Affairs Officer, MER-NC-048



Wake Forest War Memorial



State Capitol Veteran's Memorial



NC State Capitol Veteran's Memorial

Wreaths Across America-NC-162 & NC-800

The Iredell Composite Squadron and the South Charlotte Cadet Squadron proudly participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Salisbury National Veterans Cemetery.

Major James Williams, Major Paul Twiddy, and Major Richard Rowan were present to assist in the ceremony and prepare the cadets for their duties. Major Williams donned his vintage Korean War era Air Force uniform for the ceremony.

The cadets presented the colors and also carried the flags of the six branches of the military and the POW, MIA flag during the ceremony. The cadets and seniors also shared the duties of presenting the ceremonial wreaths along with the Blue Star Mothers and the Crossed Rifles. The ceremony concluded with a three shot rifle volley, and a bugler played Taps. After the ceremony, everyone assisted in placing over 1,500 wreaths throughout the cemetery.

Kristin Osborne 2d Lt, CAP MER-NC-162

Public Affairs Officer/Squadron Activities Officer

Watch Lt. Osborne's WAA Video Here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVEW0a6hnk4&feature=youtu.be>



Wreaths Across America

MER-NC-162 & MER-NC-800

Salisbury National Veterans Cemetery

More than 600 Wreaths Laid at Event Honoring Vets in Black Mountain, NC

Hundreds turned out at a Saturday event honoring those who served their country by laying a wreath on the grave of military personnel at the veteran's cemetery in Black Mountain. The event, known as Wreaths Across America, started with wreaths being laid just at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC and has grown to be a nationwide event.

Participants arrived earlier Saturday in order to lay the 650 wreaths (the most ever for the event here locally) purchased by individuals for the occasion. ROTC members, school students and family members joined members of the Asheville Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to lay the wreaths. CAP, a partner in the Wreaths program, had their cadets place the wreaths on many of the gravestones in military style. CAP cadets would slowly approach each headstone and kneel to place the wreath and then stand, take a step back, come to attention and slowly salute the stone before moving on to the next resting place.

After the wreaths were laid, a formal ceremony was held at noon conducted by the Patriot Riders Motorcycle Club. Gold star and blue star mothers were honored for their sacrifice and a wreath was placed at each of the flags of the different branches of service along with the flag of the POWs and MIAs. The Buncombe County Fire and Sheriff's Honor Guard presented the colors of the nation, state and all branches of the military with help from ROTC and CAP members. CAP cadets then gave a 21-gun salute followed immediately by the playing of Taps.

Similar scenes were played out at cemeteries across the nation, at the same time, as the event is timed to take place across the country at 12 noon eastern standard time. The event is conducted each December.

Capt. Clint Parker

Asheville Public Affairs Officer



Military Veteran's Cemetery,
Black Mountain, NC



NC Wing, Civil Air Patrol Participates in Kitty Hawk Event

Two NC Wing Cessna 182s Followed Military Aircraft in Fly-Over

By: Capt. Don Penven,

NCWG PA December 18, 2011 Raleigh, NC – On Saturday, December 17, the sky above the Wright Brother’s Memorial at Kitty Hawk, NC, featured fly-overs by aircraft from the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard along with an assortment of modern and vintage war bird aircraft.. Featured among this flyover were two Cessna 182s assigned by the U.S. Air Force to the North Carolina Wing.

This year’s event celebrated the 108th Anniversary of Powered Flight and the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation.

“The First Flight Society was organized in 1927, with its mission to acquire the land and build a monument to commemorate and memorialize the accomplishments of Orville and Wilbur Wright. That mission was fulfilled and the monument was dedicated in 1932. Every year since that date, the Society (earlier named the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Association) has sponsored the December 17th Celebration in cooperation with the National Park Service. The theme of the annual programs has been varied to cover all aspects of aviation... The Society conducts other programs during the year and participates in areas of education about the history of aviation,” said Geneva Perry, President, First Flight Society

According to event sponsors, including members of the War Bird Museum in Virginia, the flyovers began at 10:30 a.m. and aircraft were spaced one minute apart. Following the military aircraft from the Navy and Coast Guard, 11 civilian aircraft—led by a Civil Air Patrol Cessna 182 flown by Lt Col David Crawford and Capt Shawn McComas followed by Majors Dion Viventi and Tim Tessin and 2nd Lt Trey Willis in Capflight Two. Both flight crews are members of the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron.

A total of 11 aircraft including 2 Civil Air Patrol C-182s, 2 Cessna 172s from Elizabeth City State University, 3 WWII era T-6 Texans, a L-17A Navion in Navy colors, an open cockpit Fairchild PT-19, a T-28A Trojan and the massive C-54 “Candy Bomber” from the Berlin Airlift participated in the fly-over.



At the conclusion of the fly-over the Civil Air Patrol planes landed at First Flight Airport adjacent to the Wright Brothers Memorial. They then attended the annual First Flight Society luncheon as guests before returning to their home bases in Raleigh and Burlington, NC. Event planners indicated that a number of high-ranking military officers, former CAP National Commander Maj Gen Dwight Wheless and several elected officials were among the audience estimated to number more than 400 guests.

Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless Joins Raleigh-Wake Flight Crews

Iredell Composite Squadron Awards Banquet

Tuesday evening, my wife and I had the pleasure of attending the awards ceremony and banquet of the Iredell Composite Squadron

(NC -162) We were seated at the commanders table as his honored guest. The event took place in the Statesville Civic Center

The mess was opened and the Color Guard was Magnificent as they posted the colors. After the National Anthem, several rounds of toasts were made. The mess was conducted in proper military fashion. The meal was catered and the awards were presented in proper military protocol.

The key note speaker was Sgt Dale Beatty , a double amputee veteran who lost both legs in Iraq. Mayor Miles Atkins of Mooresville NC spoke and offered assistance to the Civil Air Patrol . He was seated next to Commander, Maj. David Shuping who did an excellent job of answering the many questions about the Civil Air Patrol: It's beginnings in 1941 and it's missions of today. During Break, I got the opportunity to put in a few words about The CAP Gold Metal. He offered his assistance by contacting our members of congress.

2/Lt Kristin Osborne - PAO and Lt Ammons arranged a great job of putting the pieces together for this great event. Major Rowan, AEO & retired Air Force Officer, did an excellent job with the military protocol. Unit Commander Shuping is to be congratulated for conducting an excellent and proper CAP event.

A big Hand and a toast to everyone who participated in bringing together this great event.

James P. Williams-Major-CAP
Deputy Director of Aerospace Education
Deputy Public Affairs Officer, NCWG
North Carolina Wing



L-R Mayor Miles Atkins, Maj. James Williams - Cadet T/Sgt. Felix Reyes, Maj. David Shuping, C/CMSgt. Joshua Ammons, C/C MSgt. Montanna Shores

Four Asheville Captains Complete Qualifications for Promotion



David Newman, Jim McNab and Barbara and Richard Bow in front of NC Wing Headquarters in Burlington after passing their promotion board. Photo by Lt. Col. Bob Bauer

Four Majors, isn't minor

By Capt. Clint Parker

The Asheville Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) just set a state record for the organization. Indeed, it could be a national record as the squadron had four of its senior member captains promoted to the field grade of major.

Richard and Barbara Bow, David Newman and Jim McNabb were all promoted this month at the North Carolina CAP Wing Headquarters in Burlington where they went for a review board interview after meeting all other requirements for the promotion..

The board met with all of the candidates initially and interviewed them on their personal background, their achievements and awards in CAP, their position and duties in the squadron, and finally, what they want to achieve in the future with CAP.

“I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of Majors Richard and Barbara Bow, along with Majors David Newman and Jim McNab. As volunteers with the Asheville Composite Squadron, they work tirelessly to give back to our community,” said Maj. Joe Weinflash, Commander, Asheville Composite Squadron. “Achieving the rank of major takes years of work and accomplishments and is coveted greatly. It is a rare moment in Civil Air Patrol when four officers attain this field grade on the same day. As their Squadron Commander, I applaud their efforts, congratulate them on their achievement and thank them for their service to their community and nation.”

Weinflash's sentiments were echoed by Group 1 commander Lt. Col. Bob Bauer, whose group includes the Asheville Squadron. “As members of Asheville Squadron, they have always been greatly involved in the activities of the squadron and Wing. All of them have taken time from their own lives to become engaged in squadron training, meetings and missions,” said Bauer.

Each candidate was voted on by the promotion board and all were unanimously nominated for promotion. The board members were Col. Roy Douglass, NC Wing Commander; Lt. Col John Kay, NC Wing Vice Commander; Lt. Col Robert Bauer, Group 1 Commander and Capt. James Thomasson, NC Wing Personnel Officer.

NC Governor's Christmas Tree Lighting

Raleigh-Wake, MER-NC-048 Cadets Assist

For ten years members of the MER-NC-048 Cadet Squadron have aided the North Carolina Governor's Office in the Annual Lighting of the state Christmas Tree. This year was no exception. Despite the breezy, chilly conditions on Thursday December 8, 2011 the cadets worked quickly to provide seating for the band then moved on to set up another seating area for the guest of honor, Santa Claus.

As the moment arrived, Governor Bev Purdue, her guests and Santa Claus traveled down the sidewalk with the cadet honor guard in place. During the approximate forty-five minute long event some of the cadets demonstrated an incredible level of discipline when the mascot for the Carolina Hurricanes decided to try and elicit some smiles by waving and saluting. Once the governor departed the cadets were treated to snacks and warm drinks before returning to the cold darkness to help clean up.

Terri Richards, SM, CAP

MER-NC-048



Raleigh-Wake cadets perform at Governor's Tree Lighting Ceremony

PIECES OF CLOTH: CONNECTING THE PRESENT TO OUR PAST

1Lt Louis Toms

Assistant Squadron Historian

Asheville Composite Squadron

Historically Speaking

This December marked the platinum anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol. We also celebrate Wingspan's inaugural heritage column. If it is not already apparent, I volunteered to accept this honor and write something related to our history. When I volunteered, I did so without fully realizing the range of possibilities. Through the dedication of seniors and cadets, the Civil Air Patrol has a heritage rich in traditions and achievements. As I stumbled to narrow in on a subject, my drill instructor's admonition about volunteering for something fully realized quickly set my head to spinning. Pondering the realm of possibilities, the muses came to me. Rather than focusing on past events or people, why not examine how a small piece of cloth binds us to those who came before us and those who will come after.

Like all good stories, ours has a starting point and this is the America military prior to World War I. The War Department (now the Department of the Army) authorized the wearing of collar devices by officers and enlisted. These insignia identified which branch the soldier held their military professional skills. For example, artilleryists wore devices showing crossed cannons while infantry soldier insignia bore crossed muskets. Still worn today, these symbols are very plain. This sparked several units to spruce things up by welding their unit's numerical designation on the emblem. Although fancy, these small additions lacked uniformity and the ability to inspire. This would all change with America's mobilization during the First World War.

On 6 April 1917, the United States Congress declared war against the Central Powers. The Army sought volunteers to form new divisions. Like with Civil War regiments, soldiers from the same geographic area typically made up a division. Volunteers from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee formed the 81st Division at Fort Jackson. Not satisfied with the regulation collar brass, soldiers set out to create an image to distinguish themselves over the other divisions. This came in the form of a circular cloth patch featuring a silhouette of a wildcat worn on the right shoulder of 81st Division personnel. This did not sit well with the leadership of the other deploying divisions. The issue would come to a head with General John J. Pershing's ruling that the Wildcats could wear their distinctive cloth insignia.

Over the years, the Department of the Army would make several changes to the designation and mission of the Wildcat Division. During World War II, the Wildcats would participate in campaigns in the Pacific under the 81st Infantry Division. In the 1950s, the Wildcats become the 81st US Army Reserve Command. The unit would receive campaign participation credit for their actions in Vietnam. Today, we know the Wildcats as the 81st Regional Support Command. Throughout the unit's history, the one constant has been the wearing of the insignia developed by the deploying soldiers at Fort Jackson during the First World War. The small piece of cloth binds all who wear the patch to the division's history and accomplishments. This principle is core to understanding how we carry on the honor and traditions of those who came before us.

I know some of you are thinking ... that's fine and good but you promised us a connection to our past. Well ... sometimes you need to go through the weeds to get to where you are going.

Our insignia story begins in winter of 1941. Congress signed into law the establishment of the Civil Air Patrol within the Office of Civil Defense. Their mission was to provide patrolling, reconnaissance and ferrying services not offered by commercial and military aircraft. As a component of the Office of Civil

Defense, Civil Air Patrol personnel wore an emblem similar to other civilian defense agencies. Their circular insignia featured the Office of Civil Defense white triangle on a blue field. The center of the triangle featured a red three-blade propeller. One only has to look toward Old Glory for a significance of the color schemes. Being the Army Air Force auxiliary, the founding leadership adopted the Army's wear of the insignia on the left shoulder.

Over the years, we replaced the standard Civil Air Patrol insignia for separate state wing emblems. We relegate the national emblem to design components of other patches or to buttons and pins. With the minimization of our standard, seniors and cadets must never forget that this symbol is the heart of the Civil Air Patrol. Since its adoption, the propeller design insignia graced the aircraft that flew to protect America's borders and coasts. Civil Air Patrol aviators wore this insignia while towing targets that helped military gunners in their ability to shoot down enemy aircraft. Cadets and seniors wear the national emblem while giving comfort to those impacted by natural and man-made disasters. Before the armed forces, the insignia represented a place where women and minorities without prejudice received flight education.

The insignia of the Civil Air Patrol is more than just a symbol. It represents the long-standing traditions and heritage we continue to this day. By wearing it, we connect ourselves to those who came before and future still to come.

WEAR IT WITH PRIDE!



Wreaths Across America - Wilmington National Cemetery

The WAA Ceremony at the Wilmington National Cemetery was an outstanding success. It was very well attended by local people and distinguished guests. It was so impressive to see the many organizations that participated. The keynote speaker, Col Joseph Calisto, US Army, Commander MOTSU was well prepared and delivered an excellent speech. The ceremony carried on smoothly and ended exactly on time.

In particular, the Cape Fear Cadets were perfect models of young men representing CAP. The cadets looked magnificent in their uniforms, both those in Blues and those in BDU's. All uniforms were worn correctly and all looked very sharp. The Honor Guard was terrific. Above all, the Cadets conducted themselves as mature and responsible young men. Any and all attendees were deeply impressed.

Speaking for the North Carolina Wing, I was exceedingly proud to be part of this wonderful event. Our NC Wing Commander and Chief of Staff would have been equally proud.

John Kay, Lt Col, CAP
Vice Commander, MER-NC-001

The NC Wing is honored to announce member promotions, awards and noteworthy service for the month of December. Congratulations to all listed members for their achievements and accomplishments.

Promotions			
Name	Promoted To	Unit	Promotion Date
Abruzzino, Robert N	C/AIC	NC-162	15 Dec 2011
Alsaied, Jasmin M	C/SSgt	NC-007	03 Dec 2011
Alsaied, Mahmoud H	C/AIC	NC-007	03 Dec 2011
Ammons, Joshua C	C/CM Sgt	NC-162	08 Dec 2011
Andruzzi, Louis	Capt	NC-082	21 Dec 2011
Aray-Freites, Jeanmary A	C/SrA	NC-007	12 Dec 2011
Arthur, Jacques K	1st Lt	NC-160	13 Dec 2011
Boothe, Eli D	C/M Sgt	NC-019	22 Dec 2011
Boothe, Molly R	C/Amn	NC-019	28 Dec 2011
Brawn, Alexander C	C/SSgt	NC-022	06 Dec 2011
Butler, Makayla D	C/Amn	NC-057	08 Dec 2011
Cannon, Alan L	C/Amn	NC-024	06 Dec 2011
Davis, Jacob B	C/AIC	NC-019	29 Dec 2011
Dawson, Genavieve C	C/SrA	NC-160	06 Dec 2011
De La Fuente, Klaus A	C/SSgt	NC-801	15 Dec 2011
Donahue, Daniel F	C/TSgt	NC-145	12 Dec 2011
Dotzel, Austin	C/Amn	NC-162	08 Dec 2011
Endres, Alexandria	C/Amn	NC-169	22 Dec 2011
Erb, Daniel J	C/AIC	NC-145	12 Dec 2011
Ernandes, Gregory J	2d Lt	NC-150	01 Jan 2012
Espinel, Jose L	C/CM Sgt	NC-800	06 Dec 2011
Forester, Alec J	C/1st Lt	NC-801	17 Dec 2011
Garner, Mark C	2d Lt	NC-162	21 Dec 2011
Gilkison, Mackenzie A	C/Amn	NC-007	14 Dec 2011
Green, Anthony B	1st Lt	NC-169	09 Dec 2011
Hamilton, Matthew H	C/AIC	NC-022	12 Dec 2011
Harm -Ernandes, Ingrid	2d Lt	NC-150	01 Jan 2012
Hart, John	C/TSgt	NC-019	22 Dec 2011
Hickman, Jacob A	C/M Sgt	NC-143	20 Dec 2011
Hickman, Joseph A	C/M Sgt	NC-143	20 Dec 2011
Holbrook, Dakota K	C/Amn	NC-023	03 Dec 2011
Jesalva, Elijah D	C/TSgt	NC-800	06 Dec 2011
Kantner, Timothy J	C/Amn	NC-019	29 Dec 2011
Knapp, Andrew D	C/CM Sgt	NC-800	06 Dec 2011
Kohn, Todd J	C/Amn	NC-801	15 Dec 2011
Lowry, Matthew J	C/CM Sgt	NC-162	15 Dec 2011
Lueck, Evan Timothy	C/Amn	NC-019	29 Dec 2011
MacDonald, Morgan A	C/SSgt	NC-019	28 Dec 2011
Mack, Dennis R	C/M Sgt	NC-143	20 Dec 2011
MacPherson, Lauren E	C/M Sgt	NC-082	29 Dec 2011
Mendez -Kelley, Anna-Maria D	C/SrA	NC-007	07 Dec 2011
Menkhaus, Patrick J	C/Amn	NC-800	06 Dec 2011
Miller, Ariah C	C/SrA	NC-805	13 Dec 2011

Miller, JadeAnn E	C/2dLt	NC-805	20 Dec 2011
Moore, Andrew J	C/1stLt	NC-019	27 Dec 2011
Moore, Katherine E	C/Capt	NC-019	28 Dec 2011
Morge, Patrick M	C/MSgt	NC-007	07 Dec 2011
Moser, Patrick S	C/CM Sgt	NC-162	15 Dec 2011
Moss, Jarrett A	C/SrA	NC-057	31 Dec 2011
Murphy, Joel P	C/MSgt	NC-079	13 Dec 2011
O'Connell, Coy M	C/TSgt	NC-145	08 Dec 2011
Pantlin, Eric J	C/CM Sgt	NC-048	11 Dec 2011
Parker, Kenneth M	C/SrA	NC-057	31 Dec 2011
Petersen, Reed E	C/AIC	NC-111	08 Dec 2011
Phillips, Roger D	C/Amn	NC-082	06 Dec 2011
Poto, Jarrett W	C/Amn	NC-019	29 Dec 2011
Reason, Paul O	C/Amn	NC-057	29 Dec 2011
Reyes, Felix E	C/TSgt	NC-162	08 Dec 2011
Robertson, Braxton C	C/TSgt	NC-145	16 Dec 2011
Rollins, Jackson P	2d Lt	NC-121	03 Dec 2011
Seymour, Michael D	C/MSgt	NC-023	19 Dec 2011
Skidmore, Tyler A	C/Amn	NC-172	08 Dec 2011
Smith, Justin T	C/AIC	NC-162	23 Dec 2011
Tavares, Silas A	C/SrA	NC-082	29 Dec 2011
Underhill, Dale	1st Lt	NC-082	13 Dec 2011
Waggener, Justin S	C/Amn	NC-162	15 Dec 2011
Wagner, Brady M	C/AIC	NC-800	13 Dec 2011
Ward, Kassidy L	C/Amn	NC-057	08 Dec 2011
Weaver, Jonathan R	1st Lt	NC-170	22 Dec 2011
Williams, Nicholas A	C/AIC	NC-145	25 Dec 2011
Wilson, Anthony G	C/SSgt	NC-019	28 Dec 2011
Woodard, Joshua T	C/AIC	NC-082	08 Dec 2011
Wuerffel, Nathan D	C/Capt	NC-800	06 Dec 2011

Field Grade Promotions

McNab, James R	Maj	NC-019	15 Dec 2011
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Cadet Awards

Name	Grade	Award	Unit	Award Date
Alsaied, Jasmin M	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-007	03 Dec 2011
Brawn, Alexander C	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-022	06 Dec 2011
De La Fuente, Klaus A	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-801	15 Dec 2011
MacDonald, Morgan A	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-019	28 Dec 2011
Miller, JadeAnn E	C/2dLt	Billy	NC-805	20 Dec 2011
Moore, Katherine E	C/Capt	Amelia Earhart	NC-019	28 Dec 2011
Wilson, Anthony G	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-019	28 Dec 2011
Wuerffel, Nathan D	C/Capt	Amelia Earhart	NC-800	06 Dec 2011

Senior Awards				
Name	Grade	Award	Unit	Award Date
Andruzzi, Louis	Capt	DAV	NC-082	21 Dec 2011
Barton, Jacqueline D	1st Lt	LOENING	NC-805	14 Dec 2011
Chalk, Terry W	2d Lt	DAV	NC-007	12 Dec 2011
Dahms, Alanna J	1st Lt	YEAGER	NC-023	19 Dec 2011
Duncan, Marc D	SM	MBRRBN	NC-048	31 Dec 2011
Edwards, James Thomas	SM	YEAGER	NC-057	31 Dec 2011
Erb, Debbie S	SM	MBRRBN	NC-145	05 Dec 2011
Fender, Arnold R	SM	MBRRBN	NC-019	15 Dec 2011
Gibson, Kent M	SM	MBRRBN	NC-048	11 Dec 2011
Hoffer, Noah C	SM	MBRRBN	NC-022	27 Dec 2011
Kintz, John O	SM	YEAGER	NC-019	07 Dec 2011
Knox, Hannah R	SM	MBRRBN	NC-022	27 Dec 2011
McCoury, Michael D	Capt	YEAGER	NC-022	31 Dec 2011
Morse, David M	Capt	DAV	NC-082	21 Dec 2011
North, Christina M	SM	MBRRBN	NC-022	27 Dec 2011
Thorsen, Ashley P	SM	MBRRBN	NC-048	21 Dec 2011
Thorsen, Ashley P	SM	YEAGER	NC-048	28 Dec 2011
Underhill, Dale	1st Lt	DAV	NC-082	21 Dec 2011
White, Mark W	SM	YEAGER	NC-162	30 Dec 2011

Holiday Banquet for Raleigh-Wake

Also on 10 December 2011, the Annual Awards/Holiday Banquet was held. This banquet consisted of plenty of exciting elements that brought smiles and laughs to the banquet hall. During the state of the squadron address by the Commander, Lt Col. David E. Crawford, he announced that that squadron had grown significantly, to be the largest in the Middle East Region. If you ask me, that is an absolutely amazing achievement! HOOAH!

During the promotions portions of the banquet, a change in cadet first sergeant took place. C/CMSgt Tyler M. Emerson released the reigns to C/MSgt Patrick E. Ruff. We all look forward to see just how C/MSgt Ruff will be as the new First Sergeant. Several important squadron awards were also announced: Cadet of the Year: C/TSgt Devyn Williams; Cadet Staff Member of the Year: C/2Lt Katie Zobel; Cadet Respect Award: C/SrA Ari Brown and C/SSgt Grey Hodson; Community Service Award: C/C/SSgt Connor Borries and C/SrA Rebecca Smart; and finally Senior Staff member for Cadet Programs: 1Lt Ben Schreurs.

Congratulations to all cadets who promoted and received awards at the banquet!

We hope that you will continue to progress along in the cadet program and remain a dedicated member to the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron!

Devyn Williams, C/TSgt, CAP

Public Affairs Officer, MER-NC-048

