



Behind the 8 Ball



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Compliance vs. Performance

Welcome to National Blue Beret! I am excited to see 137 cadets and 44 seniors attending this year. We offer the most diverse National Cadet Special Activity with members coming from 43 wings and all 8 regions. This only adds to your "Beret" experience. This past evening we discussed two conflicting work ethics...compliance and performance.

*The objective is the
pursuit of perfection*

The compliant cadet works to achieve the standard. Once the standard is achieved, their efforts stop. This type of cadet sees the standard as the goal. On the other hand, we have members who are driven by performance. This cadet sees the standard as merely a starting point. Their goal is continuous improvement and standards mean little more than where to begin. The objective is the pursuit of perfection.



I ask you to adopt the characteristics of the performance driven cadet. Take on new challenges with a winning attitude and never accept average results. Never settle for second best. Mediocrity is not acceptable! The next twelve days will challenge you both mentally and physically. We will use this time to train you and test your newly developed skills in the field. Take advantage of these opportunities and finish strong. Take your training seriously and give your best each day. Most importantly, approach this training with a performance attitude.

Lt Col James D. Peace
NBB Activity Director 2011



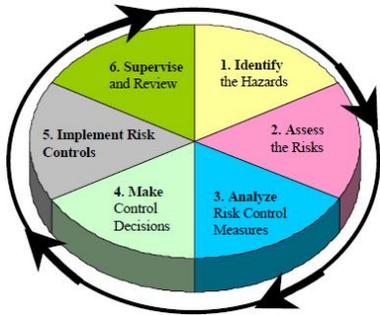
Statistics

Total attending –181
Total Cadets – 137
Total Senior Officers – 44
Number of Wings – 43 of 52

Wings most represented:
Tie Between Texas and Florida
Furthest Distance Traveled:
• Puerto Rico

Capt. Barbara Willis,
Finance/Admin.0
Section Chief

Operational Risk Management



Training began with a Safety Briefing and a review of ORM (operational risk management). We can never eliminate all risk, but we can identify almost most risk and build a plan to reduce the likelihood of an issue becoming a serious problem. The six step ORM process gives us a structured way to identify safety issues before they have a chance to occur and make decisions on how we might keep these issues from occurring.

Wisconsin’s changing weather can be unpredictable, but communicating changes quickly can help mitigate risks as they arise. From anywhere on the compound members can look at the flag pole and know what conditions exist and how they need to act in response to our ORM plan. The chart below gives an overview of each flag and its meaning.

Ten minutes of planning and prevention is worth an hour of response time.



Flag Conditions Summary			
Flag Color	WGBT Index (F)	Exercising Outdoors	Working Outdoors
	<80	Low Heat Stress Risk. However, extremely intense physical exertion can still precipitate heat injury.	No work restrictions for acclimatized personnel
	80 – 84.9	Discretion required in planning heavy exercise for un-acclimated personnel. This is a marginal heat stress limit for all personnel.	Consider 15 minute work breaks per hour for moderate work; 30 minute work breaks per hour for heavy work
	85 – 87.9	Strenuous exercise and activity (e.g., close order drill) should be curtailed for new and un-acclimated personnel during the first 3 weeks of heat exposure.	Consider 15 minute work breaks per hour for light work; 30 minute work breaks per hour for moderate work; 45 minute work breaks per hour for heavy work
	88 – 89.9	Strenuous exercise curtailed for all personnel with less than 12 weeks training in hot weather.	Consider 30 minute work breaks per hour for light work; 45 minute work breaks per hour for moderate work; heavy work should be postponed until a cooler part of the day
	90 and Above	Physical training and strenuous exercise suspended for all personnel (excludes operational commitment not for training purposes).	Consider 45 minute work breaks per hour for light work; all other work should be postponed until a cooler part of the day

Be prepared for hot weather and frequent thunderstorms. Drink plenty of water and if a weather warning is issued, seek shelter in a safe place.

The Excitement

The reaction I had when I found out I was accepted to NBB was outrageous. I was jumping up and down with excitement, going crazy and, and driving my parents nuts too! I've wanted to attend NBB for the past two years, and now here I am at Blue Beret 2011. I am so ecstatic to be here, meeting people from all over the nation, marshaling aircraft, and enjoying the airshow. I'm expecting and looking forward to seeing lots of amazing performances, awesome jets, military planes, and other rare aircraft. I can't wait for the show to start; it's going to be one heck of an adventure!

**-C/1st Lt Sarah Shea
Echo Flight Commander**

Help an air traffic controller

WITHOUT USING A PEN

OR CALCULATOR



The number of parked aircraft at Oshkosh at 12:00 (noon) is 9,465 (all used Runway 27 to land). If 512 planes land on Runway 27 and park immediately after landing; from 12:00 (noon) to 17:00, 222 of the parked planes depart Oshkosh on Rw 27 during that time interval, how many planes are left at 17:00? How many planes in total landed on Runway 27?

**-C/2d Lt Lorene Parker
Assistant PAO**

In-Processing

Eager cadets and seniors from around the country have been arriving over the past few days to National Blue Beret. In order to receive them safely and in an orderly fashion, the staff at NBB have set up an efficient way to in-process the cadets and seniors into this amazing national activity. Whether the cadets were driven in on one of the CAP vans from the airport, or by POV directly to the gate, they were lined up and immediately began the quick and effective process. The mess hall on the compound was very quickly transformed from a dining facility to a massive in-processing room with many different stations from admin to medical to contraband check. All of the stations are very important to the proper function of Blue Beret and everyone was quickly and efficiently processed. After a quick phone call home to reassure anxious parents, the cadets were assigned to a flight and started the much anticipated beginning of Blue Beret.



**-C/Maj Ehren Rauch
Chief Cadet PAO**

Newbie

Attending National Blue Beret is a great honor for any Civil Air Patrol member. As we come from all over the country we may share the same excitement or questions. Third time attendee, C/1st Lt Kinsey stated "I came to enjoy the air show, but also to train new Blue Beret Cadets." C/SMSGT Ray said he came for his "love of air shows" and to receive the prestigious Blue Beret. Although it is not just about receiving the beret, this activity allows a cadet to receive additional leadership and teamwork skills, along with an understanding of how critical each job is at Blue Beret. This is a national activity and every cadet will have to work hard to earn the beret. Throughout these two weeks you will go through training that will enable you to work safely and efficiently. Safety is a very high priority in Civil Air Patrol and it is very necessary in order to successfully operate an activity. This event is like nothing else you have ever experienced, and I am looking forward to working hard and enjoying this event as much as the rest of you are.

**-C/2d Lt Lorene Parker
Assistant PAO**

Words From a Returning Beret

Welcome to National Blue Beret and what is likely to be the best experience of your cadet career. This activity is filled with once-in-a-lifetime opportunities from marshaling hundreds of aircraft to meeting aerospace pioneers and legends. This first week will consist of a lot of training preparation for the real reason we are here – the world’s largest general aviation airshow, and believe me, it earns its title. Be safe, listen to your leaders and instructors, keep your head on a swivel while on the flight line, but enjoy the air show and National Blue Beret. Welcome!

**-C/1st Lt Kyle Adams
Hotel Flight Commander**

What were your first thoughts when you found out that you were accepted to National Blue Beret?

“Excitement and surprise. I wasn’t really expecting to get accepted”

**C/Maj Eric Kyle, OK Wing
First time Beret**

“Happy I was accepted again, because it’s a great activity and I am very passionate about this event and just love being here”

**C/Maj Marah Carney, KS Wing
Returning Beret**



Quote of the day...

“Captain Jack Sparrow!”

“OHH YEAH!!!” –

Capt Laws

