



Behind the 8 Ball

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Air show Highlights

Of the many things that happen at Air venture every year, this year the war birds may take all of the attention. Fifi, the last known operational B-29 Superfortress, will be arriving Monday afternoon courtesy of the Commemorative Air Force.

Kermit Weeks, Aviation Enthusiast and pilot, bought a C-47 in the United Kingdom and will fly it to Oshkosh to open it up for tours. This particular C-47 dropped the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment during the D-Day operation. For those who do not initially recognize the designation, it is the same unit that was featured in the HBO Miniseries "Band of Brothers."



The 506th, often called the Five-Oh-Sink after their only commanding officer; Colonel Robert F. Sink, was involved not only in D-Day, but also Operation Market Garden and the Battle of the Bulge. The unit also had the only serviceman thought to have served in both the United States and Soviet Armies, Sergeant Joseph Beyrle.

The 506th still exists today, having deployed and fought in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. There is a lot of history within the boundaries of this air show, as well as many spectacular sights to see. There are many pilots and service members in attendance who are more than willing to answer questions or tell their stories. So get out during your free time and learn as much as you can. You may never get another chance to meet these people or hear their stories.

1st Lt Kenyon Fryman

Dick Rutan

National Blue Beret had the honor of meeting Lt Col Dick Rutan (ret). A brave and courageous Fighter pilot during the Vietnam War, he flew 325 missions in an F-100 Super Saber and F-4 Phantom. As a young boy he wanted to fly fighter jets, he stated "I did not know how I would react during a combat situation." He commissioned into the Air Force at the age of 19 and was trained to fly fighters. After his rookie years he flew 105 high risk missions. Colonel Rutan is also known for piloting the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world.

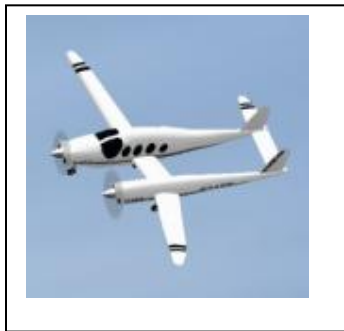
Col. Rutan talked a lot about patriotism, and what it meant.

He talked of a time where patriotism was just a normal part of society, not a law that had to be enforced. He spoke of how the best thing any "non-warrior" should do is support those in uniform and unconditionally love his or her country. Col. Rutan embodies the Spirit of a true American hero. It is because of men like him that we are free and it is important to keep his legacy going strong.



C/Capt Alex Lewallen, C/2d Lt Lorene Parker

At National Blue Beret, two of CAP's many missions is to guard and marshal aircraft, but there is one aircraft that is unique and an honor to work with. This aircraft, named the "Boomerang," is Burt Rutan's personal transport. The Rutan Boomerang is a unique airplane because it implements an asymmetrical design which means one engine is displaced from the aircraft's center-line. The use of the asymmetrical design allows the Boomerang to fly faster and farther. The Boomerang is powered by two engines, with the right engine producing 10HP more power than the left one (the engines are in fact the same model, just rated differently).



Burt Rutan's airplane is a marvel in design and a privilege for the CAP cadets to work with, and see that imagination and creativity are limitless in the sky. This aircraft is an

inspiration for all to see and continue to see well into the future. If you would like to see this unique plane, come to the Airshow square throughout the week where it will be on display.

C/CMsgt Raymund Martinez

The EAA Woodshop Takes Flight

Do you like making nifty things, and want to create a souvenir to bring home? If the answer is "yes" then stop by the EAA workshop to make a wing rib! Walk over to the Forums Plaza and find the woodshop. Once there, instructors will assist you through all the steps. Not only is it educational, but you also getting to take home a souvenir from Oshkosh. There are friendly EAA volunteers that instruct and assist you through every step of the hour-long project. This is a great project for anyone interested in aviation. So get over there and make a wing rib, it is fun!



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

Featured Flight

If you had to describe Lima flight in one word, which would you choose? Integrity? Excellence? Motivation? Or another? In actuality, there is no one word that encompasses the experience of being a member of this unit. We arrived on this stoic, imposing compound two weeks ago to begin our journey. Now, we are a well-oiled team that operates as one. The airshow will eventually end, but our loyalty to the Lima Lynxes will live on in our hearts forever. To be a Beret is to serve in humble service and with quiet honor to those we support.

Featured Flight: India Flight



Flight Cmdr: C/Maj Arlann Robinson
Flight Leader: C/1st Lt Cameron Varner
TAC: C/2d Lt Lisa Collum



C/Lt Col. Nathan Runck

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Flight Leader: C/2d Lt Taylor Martin
TAC: Capt Prowokolv

Radio Operations

"Attention all stations, attention all stations, stand by for traffic..." Whether you are on a golf cart, or North or South towers, when you hear that on the radio, your alert is elevated. It takes a lot of training to effectively run a radio in any situation, so running communication at NBB is definitely a tough operation. At this activity, communications is the way to coordinate between all the stations so the entire activity runs smoothly.



This station can be fun and stressful in many ways, but is always a great experience when a cadet gets to take the radio for a few hours while working on ES.

C/Capt Alex Lewallen



Emergency Services

Some of the classes cadets may remember are the very valuable Emergency Service classes. As each rotational class ended, cadets walked out with a huge amount of information that they will need to use during NBB. The vehicle inspection was a procedure that made cadets work as a team to get the job done. As cadets emptied their packs, they were briefed on why these items were important. Cadets also learned the proper radio procedures for Blue Beret. As the day progressed, cadets went out in the field to find a practice ELT with a directional Finder. As C/1st Lt Roarty states, "Using the L-Per and the brick was interesting. Cadets do not usually get a chance to use this equipment, and knowing that we will at NBB is exciting."



As the day progressed, cadets were trained on using sectionals, maps, and compasses. This is all very important for all cadets to master at NBB, because our mission here depends on it.

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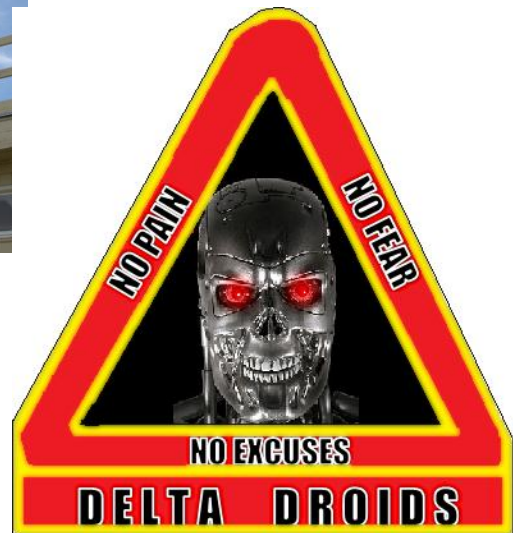
Featured Flight: Hotel



Flight Cmdr: C/1st Lt Kyle Adams
Flight Leader: C/1st Lt Chris Haijsman
TAC Officer: 1st Lt Chris Dare



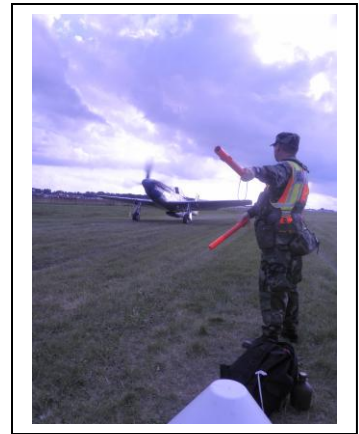
Featured Flight: Delta



Flight Cmdr: C/Col Ryan O'Connor
Flight Leader: C/2d Lt William Rogers
TAC Officer: 1st Lt Ginnard

Marshaling

Flight Line Marshaling at NBB is one of the privileges in which we get to participate. As I first stepped onto the flight line, I was nervous and anxious to marshal aircraft to their destination. When I saw the first airplane coming my way, I put my orange batons in the air and then proceeded to marshal the aircraft straight in my direction. Once I passed it off to the next Beret I remember thinking to myself, "This is so cool." As each aircraft came my way I got more and more excited. Sometimes it is busy out there, and sometimes it is much slower. Always remember, no matter how exciting or slow it is out there; always have your head on a swivel. Also a reminder; if you get tired of standing, only take one knee. Remember, sitting down means you need help, kneeling is totally different. It is crucial during this activity to look professional and when an emergency arises they know that a cadet sitting down means they need immediate attention. Drink lots of water, keep your head on a swivel, pay attention, and have fun. Be safe!



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Assistant PAO*

North Tower Experience

I had the opportunity to count landing aircraft's tail numbers at North Tower. During our shift, my team worked quickly and proficiently to make sure we recorded all the airplanes onto the log form. This job is very important to the EAA and pilots. Pilots often forget to close their flight plans which mean the EAA does not know if they have reached their destination. However, the EAA can use our log lists to have proof they landed. That is why our job is extremely important to log the tail number, type of aircraft, and color. Do your job to the best of your abilities and work as a team because the EAA and FAA are depending on us. Keep up the good work!



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AE Word Scramble

The scramble is based on an historical event that took place July 1969

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