



Behind the 8 Ball

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CAP grows goodwill

NBB cadets are creating a stronger bond of friendship and goodwill with show participants, supporters, and the public. Activities such as cooperating with Burt Rutan, and starship owner Robert Scherer, honor flight, support at war birds are the glue of positive and long term relationships. CAP cadets have been supporting EAA at airventure since the 1970s. They provide 2000 man-hours during their two week presence.



Starship Duty Keeps cadets busy

The privately owned and designed Beechcraft starship aircraft belongs to Burt Rutan. It arrived at airventure to a large and welcoming crowd, along with a contingent of CAP cadets. Their Presence was in request was in response to Burt Rutans request that NBB cadets interface with guests and starship during the show. Aircraft owner Robert Scherer was enthusiastic to have such a great group of cadets guard his aircraft

Maj Lou Valpado



Challenge Coins

The tradition of the challenge coin dates back to World War I when an American flyer evading the enemy used a squadron medallion to identify himself to French troops. Since that day, challenge coins have evolved to symbolize the esprit de corps between members of a unit or event. It is also more than a simple token. It is to be carried by the member at all times and produced when challenged by a peer. The tradition of a challenge is the most common way to ensure members are in possession of their coin.



Rules vary on the tradition of the coin challenge. A challenge is made when an owner draws their coin and slams it down. Everyone challenged must then produce their own coin. Anyone failing to produce their coin must buy a drink for the challenger. If everyone has the coin, the challenger must buy drinks for everyone.

Normally, a challenge only applies to those members of a unit or activity that have formally been presented a coin. It is meant to be a source of pride and build morale. While some coins are rarer than others, no coin "outranks" another.

Capt Paul Kloehn, Echo Tac, NBB 2011

UH-1B Iroquois "Huey" Gunship

It was the work horse during America's longest conflict. The UH-1 Iroquois, aka the Huey. This aircraft has always fascinated me, and this year at Airventure there happened to be my favorite model of Huey. The UH-1B Gunship on display is a Navy version, and was built



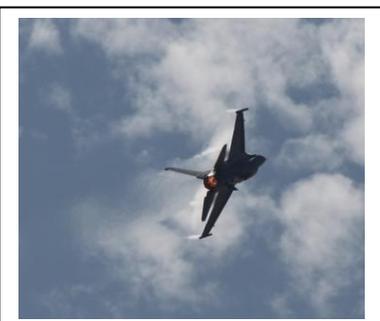
in 1963. The pilot of this amazing aircraft actually flew them in the Vietnam war and restored this one from scratch. Due to the fact it is a rebuild helicopter, it is still considered an experimental aircraft. The "armament" on this Helicopter is 1 M-2 .50 Cal Machinegun, 2 Twin mounted M-60 machine guns, two 3.75 in. rocket pods, and a GE Minigun. In my opinion, This helicopter has got to be the most interesting aircraft at the event.



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F-16 Fighting Falcon

The Lockheed Martin F-16 Fighting Falcon was the first of the US Air Force multi-role fighter aircraft.



There are 2,000 in service in the U.S. and an additional 2,000 in 25 other countries. The fighter entered service in the late seventies, and was the second jet that can withstand higher g- forces than the pilots. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the F-16 has been a major part of the combat forces committed to defending our nation. This fighter is one of my favorites in the Air Force because its maneuverability and combat radius exceeds that of many enemies. I find this the coolest and most interesting plane here at Airventure 2011 because one day I hope to fly the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

C/2d Lt Lorene Parker

Final Thoughts from the Cadet PAO Chief/Editor

I have had the great privilege to work with all of you as Public affairs staff for National Blue Beret. Being selected to serve at National Blue Beret in Oshkosh has become a part of my summer for the past three years. In 2009 I traveled from California to Wisconsin extremely excited to participate in the greatest National Activity Civil Air Patrol offers. As the activity came to a close, all I could think about is I had to return. In 2010, I applied and was selected as cadet PAO where I challenged my photography and writing skills under the supervision of Capt. Daren Jaeger. We were tasked with composing 6 newsletters and taking thousands of photos. After that year, I was instantly hooked on taking photos and writing for this great annual event. Now it is 2011 and EAA AirVenture is winding down. This is the third year cadets have been on PAO staff, and the first year we have had a chief cadet public affairs officer and 2 staff cadets (C/Capt Alex Lewallen, and C/2d Lt Lorene Parker).

Together, under the supervision of Capt Jaeger, we ran the smoothest that is has ever run. Capt Jaeger stated, "It has taken 5 years to build the public affairs component in the program and all the hard work has paid off". Together as a team, we accomplished great work, and did it in a very efficient manner. We had many stressful times and long nights in order to get our work completed on time. But all-in-all we accomplished our mission of doing the best to be on time with our projects, and being of service to the NBB command staff. We all had fun, and I would like to thank my cadet staff for being such great team players and doing such great work. I hope to see most of you back next year at NBB 2012. Have a great year! Semper Vigilans.

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