



Behind the 8 Ball



Blue Beret National Cadet Special Activity Oshkosh, Wisconsin

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Commander's Welcome

Welcome to National Blue Beret 2012! I am excited to see 138 cadets and 44 seniors attending this year. We offer the most unique National Cadet Special Activity with members coming from 44 wings and all 8 regions. However, our diversity brings us together and adds to the "Beret" experience.

Your long days of training will pay off as we begin our pre-operational period on the flight line this morning. Friday will begin with a mass arrival of 60 Piper Cherokees and before the weekend is over, the Wittman Regional Airport will be the temporary home to over 10,000 aircraft. You will witness, first-hand, three aircraft landing simultaneously on the same runway. Make no mistake; you have taken on a greater responsibility than most CAP members. Whether it is marshaling aircraft on the flight line, assisting with ultra-lights/rotorcraft, searching for overdue aircraft or monitoring the Warbirds area, you are an integral part of AirVenture. The Experimental Aircraft Association entrusts NBB to provide assistance and we will not fail. You represent the finest group of professional volunteers that this great nation has to offer. I am a Blue Beret. Follow Me!



Lt Col James D. Peace
NBB Activity Director 2012



Cadets from Bravo flight wait in line for the dining facility



A flight formation during closing ceremonies



Statistics

Total attending – 182
Total Cadets – 138
Total Senior Officers – 44
Number of Wings – 44 of 52

Wings most represented:
Texas (19) and Kansas (17)
Furthest Distance Traveled:
• Hawaii wing

-Maj Barbara Willis
NBB Admin



Safety!

IN CASE OF FIRE

- Immediately exit the building
- If possible, take a blanket and cover your head
- Walk to the north fence of the compound (DO NOT RUN!)



TORNADO WATCH PROCEDURES

- A tornado watch occurs when conditions are favorable for the formation of tornadoes
- **STAY ALERT...** You may need to take shelter
- Locate the nearest shelter and be prepared to take cover
- If you are off the compound, locate shelter in your immediate area

TORNADO WARNING PROCEDURES

- If a tornado has been spotted nearby- take shelter!
- Do not attempt to return to the NBB barracks if you are off compound
- If you are inside the NBB barracks, get close to an inside wall and use a mattress to cover yourself
- The latrine may be used for additional space



DO NOT LEAVE YOUR SHELTER UNTIL THE “ALL CLEAR” SIGNAL IS GIVEN BY THE NBB COMMAND STAFF!!!

- *Maj Art W. Grover
Safety Officer*



Left: Members of the NBB cadet staff retrieve the colors on day one

Right: Cadets of Hotel flight meet their flight staff on day one

In-Processing

On the 16th and 17th of July 2012 the National Blue Beret compound became a massive intake area for cadets arriving from all over the nation. When the cadets began showing up, the NBB Dining Facility quickly changed roles from a food producing machine to a check-in center. As masses of cadets and seniors flowed through the in-process line, they stopped at many stations including: ID check, travel plan verifications, emergency services qualifications, medical questions, and contraband search. They also received their official NBB T-shirts and their bunk assignments. The final two stations were the cell phone collection area and ID badge distribution. After cadets turned in all of their paperwork and were handed their NBB ID badges, they were then guided to the barracks and shown to their bunks where they would be sleeping for the remainder of the activity. NBB staff was able to in-process all members attending the activity very quickly and efficiently with the new check-in procedure which is continuously improved yearly. This allows the members to safely in-process, get some well needed sleep and start becoming an efficient team for the rest of the activity!

**-C/Maj Ehren T. Rauch
Chief Cadet PAO NBB 2012**



Public affairs staff takes photos of a cadet for his NBB ID badge.



NBB members retrieve the compound flags before dinner on the first night of the activity



The Medical staff in-processes a cadet on Day One

Did you know?

Mach 2 is 1,522.4 miles per hour. Scott Crossfield was the first person to reach Mach 2 in a Douglas Aircraft Co. D-558-II Skyrocket on Nov. 20, 1953. What's the fastest you've ever gone? The Piper Cub was first made in 1937 and over 20,000 have been made since. The Piper Cub is loved by its pilots and this year at Oshkosh Air Venture is a salute to the 75th Anniversary of the Piper Cub.

Aviation Question: What was the country that made the most produced biplane ever?

What is the ICAO identifier for Wittman Regional Airport (Oshkosh)



BASIC COMMUNICATIONS USER TRAINING

Communication is vital to running an efficient operation. BCUT, or Basic Communications User Training, was conducted to ensure everyone at NBB observes proper communications protocols. This course entails basic radio operations, pro-words, radio etiquette, and how to effectively transmit information over the radio. Lt. Col. Lester Dutka, the instructor, stated, **“Radio Communications are key to mission success.”**

Remember your communications training so information will be passed smoothly and efficiently and we will have a successful mission.

*-1st Lt Alex Lewallen
Senior PAO*



Flight commanders meet with the Cadet Commander during a practice formation.



Arrivals begin at AirVenture 2012



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